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SJ prepares for lead replacement

Like most older towns, percentage of lead pipes expected to be high

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — It's estimated that about 63 percent of public water system infrastructure in St. Joseph "likely contains lead."

City Manager John Hodgson explained that, and other results of a Preliminary Water System Inventory Report, Monday night to the St. Joseph City Commission.

"As an older community we expect to find a great deal of lead in the system," Hodgson said. "The preliminary numbers are from the experiences of our crews who find things when we dig things up. We also did tests in the newer and older parts of the community."

But the existence of lead pipes does not mean the drinking water is unsafe or contains any lead. The crisis in Flint was caused when city officials cut corners and introduced untreated water from the Flint River into the old pipes, which then badly corroded, resulting in high levels of lead leaching into the water supply.

St. Joseph, along with every other community in Michigan, had to complete a preliminary inventory report before the end of 2019, due to regulations issued by the state in 2018.

"We have an additional five years to prepare a final report," Hodgson said. "They wanted communities to get a handle on where lead might be in their drinking water systems. We actually received a grant to help us out with this project and we're continuing with exploratory work and changing services out."

In addition to the 63 percent of pipes that likely contain lead, there's about 12 percent that don't have any lead or galvanized lines but were previously connected to lead services, which are treated as lead.

"Those are typically from newer projects that have gone in," Hodgson said. "Also areas

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Ron Weaver thanks, from left, Lake Township Fire Captain Mike Essig, Berrien County Public Safety Dispatcher Melissa Hensley and Lincoln Township Police Officer Ryan Venno, after the three were presented with life saving awards Tuesday night at the Lake Charter Township Public Safety Building in Bridgman. Weaver was rescued from an accident in December in which he was trapped in his truck after it flipped over in a ditch filled with water. Presenting the life saving awards was Baroda-Lake Township Police Chief Shawn Martin, far right.

A reunion with rescuers

Officers awarded for rescue of man trapped in truck in a watery ditch

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BRIDGMAN — A man who narrowly escaped drowning last month after his vehicle landed upside down in a flooded ditch got a chance Tuesday to meet and thank his rescuers.

"You kept me calm through the whole thing. I can't thank you enough. I'm very thankful, I was so scared," Ron Weaver of Baroda told Lake Township Fire Captain Mike Essig, Lincoln Township Police Officer Ryan Venno and Berrien County Public Safety Dispatcher Melissa Hensley. They received life saving awards Tuesday from Baroda-Lake Township Police Chief Shawn Martin.

They each were also given a gift of a seat belt cutter and window punch, as were Weaver and his wife, Beth.

Weaver, 54, was traveling north on Date Road about 3:45 p.m. Dec. 14 when he swerved to miss hitting a deer. His pickup truck went off the road at Date and Linco roads in Lake Township, and landed upside down. Water from the flooded ditch quickly began to fill the cab of the truck.

Dispatcher Hensley took Weaver's urgent 911 call, and managed to keep him calm until help arrived.

Within a couple of minutes, Chief Martin and Essig arrived on the scene. They used a window punch to break the driver's side window and were able to pull him partially out of the vehicle so his head was out of water and he could breathe.

When more emergency responders arrived, including Venno, they were able to pull

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Task force urges overhaul of jail, pretrial system

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan should reclassify many traffic offenses as civil infractions, release more defendants before trial without requiring them to pay money, consider alternatives to incarceration and take other steps to reduce jail populations that have tripled in under 40 years, a task force said Tuesday.

The 21-member group, which was created by Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer with support from Republican legislative leaders, delivered its findings and 18 recommendations to lawmakers. Suggestions include giving police more discretion to issue appearance tickets instead of arresting and jailing people, shortening the amount of time people spend in jail between their arrest and arraignment, reducing fines and reducing maximum probation terms for most felonies.

A big takeaway from the panel's work "has been the wide range of experiences a person could have depending on what county jail system they came into contact with. We believe that these recommendations help really get us to a place where there is consistent fairness in that process rather than just variability," Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist told The Associated Press in advance of the report's official release.

Gilchrist co-chaired the Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration with Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack, who said the study shows how problems in the criminal justice system are interconnected.

"Somebody doesn't pay a traffic ticket and then their license is suspended. Then the next time they're pulled over, they now have an offense for which they must go to jail, which of course makes it impossible for them to then go to work to pay the traffic ticket they couldn't pay in the first instance," she said in an interview.

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Teenager dabbles in blacksmithing

While other teens play video games, Laine Ridley learns old trade

By KIM INGALLS
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Laine Ridley doesn't mind getting dirty.

Unlike a lot of kids his age, the 14-year-old homeschooled student would rather spend his free time over a hot coal fire pounding metal instead of playing video games.

Ridley is one of the few in the area who have learned the ancient trade of blacksmithing. Once an essential and needed occupation, blacksmithing is more of an art today that most would rather watch than learn.

"Laine hung around the blacksmith shop at the Flywheelers on a couple of different days," recalls Ted Guimond, who volunteers as the Michigan Flywheelers Museum's blacksmith. "His mother told me about the Berrien Springs Homeschool Partnership and I ended up teaching classes on blacksmithing there."

Guimond, a retired school teacher, often invites kids into the museum's forge, bundles them up with gloves

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Laine Ridley, 14, stands by one of the two forges located in the blacksmithing shop that he and his father built. Photo provided

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State sues 3M, DuPont over PFAS in drinking water

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan on Tuesday sued 3M, DuPont and other companies for financial damages from contamination caused by potentially harmful "forever" chemicals that are turning up in drinking water across the industrial state.

The lawsuit filed in state court alleges that 17 defendants deliberately concealed the dangers of a class of substances known collectively as PFAS. The filing, announced by state Attorney General Dana Nessel and Gov. Grethen Whitmer, came a year-and-a-half after former Gov. Rick Snyder first stated Michigan's intent to sue Minnesota-based 3M and other unnamed parties.

Michigan is believed to be the third state to file a broad-based suit against multiple manufacturers over PFAS contamination, which has been confirmed at 74 sites and has cost the state at least $25 million annually in recent years for testing and investigations, Nessel said. The compounds, which have been in production since the 1940s, are dubbed "forever chemicals" because they take thousands of years to degrade, and because some accumulate in people's bodies.

"Without widespread investigation, sampling, remediation of state lands and waterways, restoration of impacted natural resources, installation of very costly filtration devices, and other preventative and remedial actions necessary to stop these chemicals from harming our residents and our environment, the presence and migration of PFAS in our state's natural resources and property will continue unchecked and indefinitely," Nessel said, "threatening natural resources, threatening our property and threatening the lives of our state residents."

A spokesman for Delaware-based DuPont said "we are extremely disappointed they have taken this action we believe is without merit."

"While fulfilling our remediation responsibilities continue to be a priority for DuPont, we are, and have always been, committed to upholding the highest standards for the well-being of our employees, our customers and the communities in which we operate, and we will vigorously defend our record of safety, health and environmental stewardship," Dan Turner said.

A message seeking comment was left with 3M.

LOTTERIES

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
JH-2C-7C-5D-5H
Midday Daily 3
4-7-9
Midday Daily 4
3-7-2-9
Daily 3
5-8-1
Daily 4
2-2-4-1
Fantasy 5
05-08-21-37-38
Keno
02-03-04-08-09-15-18-20-30-31-38-39-41-43-49-51-54-59-66-75-76-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$91 million
Powerball jackpot
$296 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
12-15-22-36-43
Cash4Life
07-08-16-20-35, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
09-10-12-13-14-24-28-29-32-39-42-47-49-53-56-63-65-66-69-79, BE: 14
Daily Three-Midday
6-1-5, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
8-9-2, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
8-6-6-8, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
9-9-2-7, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
01-03-05-09-18-29-30-32-34-45-46-53-55-57-58-61-62-64-78-80, BE: 5

Illinois
Lotto
06-29-33-39-42-50, Extra Shot: 17
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-08-27-34-44
Pick Three-Midday
4-0-5, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
8-5-9, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Midday
3-4-5-1, Fireball: 2
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4-6-2-2, Fireball: 7
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Pelosi sets votes to send impeachment to Senate

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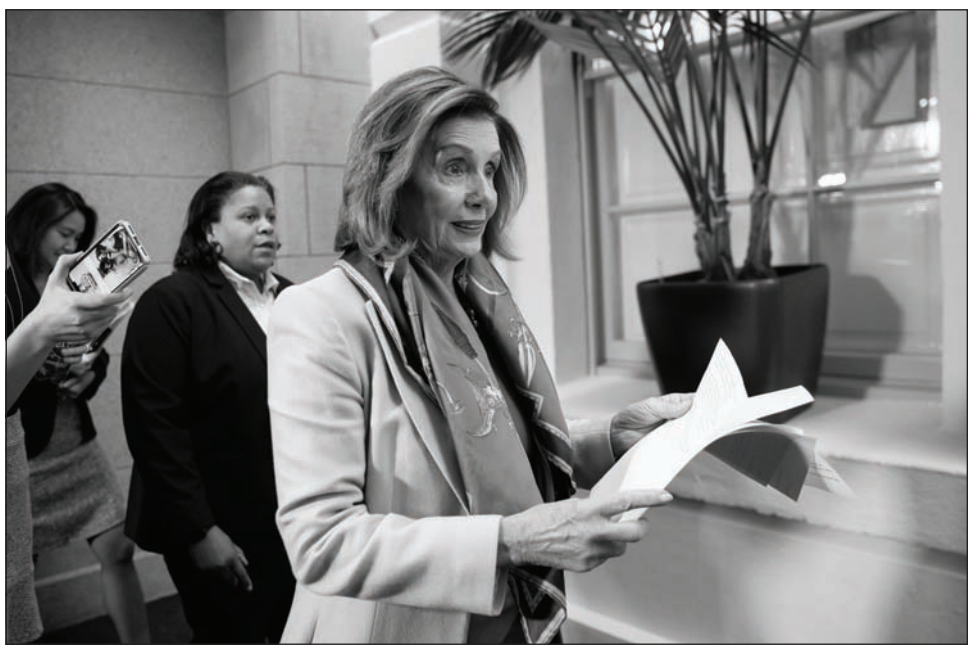

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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., arrives to meet with the Democratic Caucus at the Capitol in Washington on Tuesday. Pelosi, who has not yet relayed the articles of impeachment to the Senate for the trial of President Donald Trump, has said she will discuss her next steps in that delayed process during her meeting today with fellow Democrats.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House is set to vote Wednesday to send the articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump to the Senate for a landmark trial on whether the charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress are grounds for removal.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the next steps after meeting privately with House Democrats at the Capitol, ending her blockade Tuesday a month after they voted to impeach Trump.

It will be only the third presidential impeachment trial in American history, a serious moment coming amid the backdrop of a politically divided nation and an election year.

"The President and the Senators will be held accountable," Pelosi said in a statement. "The American people deserve the truth, and the Constitution demands a trial."

The Senate is expected to transform into an impeachment court as early as Thursday. The Constitution calls for the chief justice to preside over senators, who serve as jurors, to swear an oath to deliver "impartial justice." The House managers will walk the articles across the Capitol in a dramatic procession Wednesday evening after the midday vote.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday the chief justice would open the trial this week, but that the significant proceedings would launch next Tuesday, after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Trump was impeached by the Democratic-led House last month on charges of abuse of power over pushing Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden as the president withheld aid from the country, and obstructing Congress' ensuing probe.

McConnell met behind closed doors Tuesday with GOP senators who are under pressure from Democrats to call new witnesses and testimony. He urged them to hold together on the next steps, according to a person unauthorized to discuss the private session and granted anonymity.

Late Tuesday, House investigators announced they were turning over a "trove" of new records of phone calls, text messages and other information from Lev Parnas, an associate of Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani. Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff said the information shows Trump's effort "to coerce Ukraine into helping the President's reelection campaign." He said this and other new testimony must be included in the Senate trial.

McConnell, who is negotiating rules for the trial proceedings, he said all 53 GOP senators are on board with his plan to start the session and consider the issue of witnesses later.

Senate Republicans also signaled they would reject the idea of simply voting to dismiss the articles of impeachment against Trump, as the president has suggested. McConnell agreed he does not have the votes to do that.

"There is little or no sentiment in the Republican conference for a motion to dismiss," McConnell said. "Our members feel we have an obligation to listen to the arguments."

In fact, a mounting number of senators say they want to ensure the ground rules include the possibility of calling new witnesses.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine is leading an effort among some Republicans, including Mitt Romney of Utah and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska for witness votes.

"My position is that there should be a vote on whether or not witnesses should be called," Collins said.

Romney said he wants to hear from John Bolton, the former national security adviser at the White House, who others have said raised alarms about the alternative foreign policy toward Ukraine being run by Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani.

Democrats have been pushing Republicans, who have a slim Senate majority, to consider new testimony, arguing that fresh information has emerged during Pelosi's monthlong delay in transmitting the charges.

"We want the truth," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Tuesday as the chamber opened. He said that in other presidential impeachment trials the Senate called witnesses. "Do Senate Republicans want to break the lengthy historical precedent?"

Republicans control the chamber, 53-47, and are all but certain to acquit Trump. It takes just 51 votes during the impeachment trial to approve rules or call witnesses. Just four GOP senators could form a majority with Democrats to insist on new testimony. It also would take only 51 senators to vote to dismiss the charges against Trump.

At the private GOP lunch, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky warned that if witnesses are allowed, defense witnesses could also be called. He and other Republicans want to subpoena Biden and his son, Hunter, who served on the board of a gas company in Ukraine, Burisma, while his father was vice president.

"I look forward to forcing votes to call Hunter Biden and many more," tweeted Paul, an ally of the president, late Monday.

McConnell is drafting an organizing resolution that will outline the steps ahead. Approving it will be among their first votes of the trial, likely next Tuesday.

He prefers to model Trump's trial partly on the process used for then-President Bill Clinton's trial in 1999. It, too, contained motions for dismissal or calling new witnesses.

"Fifty-one senators will decide who to call," McConnell said.

McConnell is hesitant to call new witnesses who would prolong the trial and put vulnerable senators who are up for reelection in 2020 in a bind with tough choices. At the same time, he wants to give those same senators ample room to show voters they are listening to demands for a fair trial.

Most Republicans now appear willing to go along with McConnell's plan to start the trial first then consider witnesses later, rather than upfront, as Democrats want.

Even if senators are able to vote to call new witnesses, it is not at all clear there would be majorities to subpoena Bolton or the others.

"I've been working to make sure that we will have a process that we can take a vote on whether or not we need additional information, and yes, that would include witnesses," Murkowski told reporters.

McConnell opened the Senate on Tuesday scoffing at what he called the "bizarro world" of Pelosi's impeachment strategy that delayed transmitting the charges for weeks.

"Do these sound like leaders who really believe we are in a constitutional crisis, one that requires the most severe remedy?" McConnell asked. He rejected Pelosi's recent suggestions that whatever the Senate verdict, Trump will be "impeached forever."

NSA finds major security flaw in Windows 10, free fix issued

By MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

The National Security Agency has discovered a major security flaw in Microsoft's Windows 10 operating system that could let hackers intercept seemingly secure communications.

But rather than exploit the flaw for its own intelligence needs, the NSA tipped off Microsoft so that it can fix the system for everyone.

Microsoft released a free software patch to fix the flaw Tuesday and credited the intelligence agency for discovering it. The company said it has not seen any evidence that hackers have used the technique.

Amit Yoran, CEO of security firm Tenable, said it is "exceptionally rare if not unprecedented" for the U.S. government to share its discovery of such a critical vulnerability with a company.

Yoran, who was a founding director of the Department of Homeland Security's computer emergency readiness team, urged all organizations to prioritize patching their systems quickly.

An advisory sent by the NSA on Tuesday said "the consequences of not patching the vulnerability are severe and widespread."

Microsoft said an attacker could exploit the vulnerability by spoofing a code-signing certificate so it looked like a file came from a trusted source.

"The user would have no way of knowing the file was malicious, because the digital signature would appear to be from a trusted provider," the company said.

If successfully exploited, attackers would have been able to conduct "man-in-the-middle attacks" and decrypt confidential information they intercept on user connections, the company said.

"The biggest risk is to secure communications," said Adam Meyers, vice president of intelligence for security firm CrowdStrike.

Some computers will get the fix automatically, if they have the automatic update option turned on. Others can get it manually by going to Windows Update in the computer's settings.

Microsoft typically releases security and other updates once a month and waited until Tuesday to disclose the flaw and the NSA's involvement. Microsoft and the NSA both declined to say when the agency privately notified the company.

The agency shared the vulnerability with Microsoft "quickly and responsibly," Neal Ziring, technical director of the NSA's cybersecurity directorate, said in a blog post Tuesday.

Priscilla Moriuchi, who retired from the NSA in 2017 after running its East Asia and Pacific operations, said this is a good example of the "constructive role" that the NSA can play in improving global information security. Moriuchi, now an analyst at the U.S. cybersecurity firm Recorded Future, said it's likely a reflection of changes made in 2017 to how the U.S. determines whether to disclose a major vulnerability or exploit it for intelligence purposes.

The revamping of what's known as the "Vulnerability Equities Process" put more emphasis on disclosing vulnerabilities whenever possible to protect core internet systems and the U.S. economy and general public.

Those changes happened after a mysterious group calling itself the "Shadow Brokers" released a trove of high-level hacking tools stolen from the NSA, forcing companies including Microsoft to repair their systems. The U.S. believes that North Korea and Russia were able to capitalize on those stolen hacking tools to unleash devastating global cyberattacks.

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BH school board trustee to step down

Rush cites difficulties with board president

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor school board Secretary Patricia Rush announced Tuesday that she will resign from the school board effective March 1.

RUSH

"I have decided that I am going to resign because I feel President (Joseph) Taylor has created a hostile work environment for me," she said. "He has repeatedly attacked me, attacked other people on the district administration."

She said Taylor's negative comments last week about Berrien RESA undermined the district at a time when the board has some very difficult decisions coming up.

"There's undoubtedly going to have to be a budget cut because we don't have the number of students that we originally budgeted for," she said. "That's going to be very difficult and unpopular with the community. ... If we can't work together and work with respect, I just don't see how (this board is) going to go forward."

She said Taylor attacked her again, on Monday, saying she was trespassing on school property when she attended finance meetings. Rush is chair of the school board's finance committee.

"I will prepare a transition report for all of the finance work that we're doing, as well as the discipline committee," she said. "... It's been my honor to work with the district, the principals, the teachers."

After the meeting, Taylor said he sent Rush an email on Monday telling her to stop micromanaging the finance office. He said that just because she is the chair of the board's finance committee doesn't mean she is in charge of the finance office.

"Dr. Rush is breaking the law and (board) policy," he said.

Taylor said he wishes her well, but it's time for her to go.

"You can't have someone at the table who thinks she's smarter than everyone else because she's a doctor," he said.

Rush said she has devoted her life to social justice and racial equity, leading her to run for the school board position.

Rush was elected to the board in November 2018.

Battle Creek incident

Interim Superintendent Patricia Robinson gave trustees an update on the incident in Battle Creek,

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Park or pond?

Don Campbell / HP staff

Much of Riverview Park south of St. Joseph remains flooded Tuesday after this past weekend's heavy rains caused the St. Joseph River to rise.

Baroda Twp.

NIMBY Pond to apply for new permit

By WILLIAM F. AST III
HP Correspondent

BARODA — Get ready for NIMBY Pond 2.

The Baroda Township Planning Commission on Monday voted unanimously to accept pond owner Mark Schutze's request to rescind his application for a continuation of his special land use permit to operate the pond. Instead, Schutze told the planners he will apply for a new permit, as early as February or March.

"Mark, you're good to go on a new application," planning Chairman David Schultz told Schutze.

"Did I hear you say NIMBY 2?" planner Dean Schmaltz asked Schutze.

"NIMBY 2, the sequel," Schutze replied. "We'll make it work."

"Stay tuned," planner Dennis Krotzer said. "NIMBY 2 is coming."

The planners had intended to vote on a resolution to terminate Schutze's permit.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Brandon Brown, top, with Brennan Racing, and Kindall Maggert, with ProPain Racing, compete during NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) Pond Watercross Snowmobile racing in 2018 at Mark Schutze's Baroda Township farm.

Schutze's NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) Pond at 11470 Hills Road features summertime snowmobile races across a 600- by 40-foot pond. But this year township officials have complained that he's been holding other activities at the site, which are not allowed under the special permit.

The race site is near some wineries and upscale houses, and not all property owners support the races.

Schutze said he's having the site surveyed and plans to ask permission to split off the race site from his home.

By asking for a new application, "I just figured I'd save the Baroda taxpayers a lot of money," Schutze said.

Schutze had hired lawyer Mark Bell to represent him, and some thought the matter was headed to court.

According to the minutes of the planners' Dec. 9 meeting, Bell had charged that the planners weren't being cooperative and hadn't tabled discussions as requested at an Oct. 31 meeting with Shafer and Charles Ammeson, the township's lawyer. And the township was being unreasonable giving Schutze only until mid-December to get things done, Bell said.

Bell even asked that the planners' split the cost of

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Bangor

Photo provided

The Bangor Downtown Development Authority has funded renovations to the city council chamber at Bangor City Hall. It has been updated and enlarged. An open house will be held Tuesday from 6-7 p.m.

City to unveil new council chambers

Open house set for Tuesday

By KIM INGALLS
HP Correspondent

BANGOR — An open house will be held from 6-7 p.m. next Tuesday to show off the city's recently renovated city council chamber.

Thanks to funding from the Downtown Development Authority, the city has been able to renovate and enlarge the antiquated meeting room at city hall.

"The DDA had told us they would be willing to do a project for the hall and we had been wanting to remove a wall and expand the council chambers," said City Manager Regina Hoover.

For years, meetings were held in one room at city hall that had limited public seating. By knocking out an existing wall in an adjoining room, city officials were able to double the size of the council chamber.

"The rooms were old and antiquated," explained Thad Earl, DDA chairperson. "The other room wasn't used basically because it was in terrible condition and the wiring was bad. Personally, I thought the rooms were dangerous because of the wiring."

The remodel, according to Hoover, includes new flooring, windows, exterior siding, LED lighting, paint, a Smart TV that is used for presentations, interior doors and a new council desk resulting in about a $35,000 price tag. The remodel also included adding exterior gooseneck lights and siding.

"Our council room looks amazing," wrote Mayor Darren Williams on the city's Facebook page. "Thank you to DDA for the new council room. I won't only feel like the mayor but like a king!"

Contracts for the remodel were held with Midway Electric, Ray Kenyon, Monroe Miller and Overalls, said Hoover.

"It was a good project for the DDA, " Earl said. "It makes it easier for the public to access services."

Cracker Barrel hit by car

Don Campbell / HP staff

No one inside was injured but the business was heavily damaged when a man accidentally drove his car into the retail part of the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Stevensville. Lincoln Township police said it happened at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday after a 93-year-old man, while backing out of a parking spot, backed into another vehicle. Police said the man, whose name was not released, then put the car in drive and mistakenly accelerated, jumping the curb and running through the north side wall of the building, coming to rest in the retail area. The man was taken by Medic 1 to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, and Cracker Barrel was evacuated and closed for the day. The incident remains under investigation. The Lincoln Township Police Department was assisted by the Lincoln Township Fire Department, Berrien County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police and Medic 1.

In brief

Man hit, killed walking near Decatur

DECATUR — Michigan State Police troopers are investigating a crash that claimed the life of a pedestrian on Monday evening.

Police on Tuesday identified the victim as 33-year-old Devin Mattis of Decatur.

Mattis was walking on 39th Street near Burgess Road when he was struck by a vehicle traveling northbound. Police are not yet releasing the driver's information.

"We are not releasing the driver's information right now. We may in the future," said Lt. Ryan Schoonveld, assistant commander of the Paw Paw Post. "At this time, no charges are being filed. While the investigation is not complete yet, we are not anticipating any charges."

Police say they did not know why Mattis was walking in the roadway.

Paquette announces January office hours

State Rep. Brad Paquette, R-Berrien Springs, announced that he will be available to hear from members of his district on Saturday, Jan. 25, accourding to a news release.

"As we begin a new year and get back to session, it is important for me to hear from the residents in our community," Rep. Paquette said.

Paquette will be available Jan. 25 at the following times and locations: 10-11 a.m. at the Starbucks in Martin's Super Market, 720 S. 11th St. in Niles; and 12-1 p.m. at Revive Coffee and More, 636 St. Joseph Ave. in Berrien Springs.

No appointments are necessary. Those who are unable to attend at the scheduled times, but would like an opportunity to talk with Paquette may call his office at 517-373-1796, or email BradPaquette@house.mi.gov.

Filmmaker's visit to Andrews canceled

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Martin Doblmeier visit on Thursday morning to Andrews University has been canceled, the university announced.

Doblmeier was to discuss his documentary "Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story," at the Howard Performing Arts Center.

The film screening and panel discussion planned for Thursday evening will still take place without Martin Doblmeier present.

BH SCHOOLS

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where the cheerleading coach alleged that Battle Creek fans attacked the cheerleaders as they tried to get on the bus after the Jan. 7 boys basketball game.

Robinson said an investigation with Battle Creek police and school district officials found no evidence that the cheerleaders were physically attacked.

She gave trustees packets about the incident, which included statements from the coaches, students and other people who were there. She declined to share the information with the media, saying it included people's names.

"What we concluded was yes, there was something that happened – there was a disturbance," she said.

She said there is video, but none of it shows objects being thrown at cheerleaders.

In addition, she said the investigation showed that the Benton Harbor cheerleaders weren't totally innocent.

"Kids will be kids," she said. "Things happened on both ends. We are not completely clean in this, either."

Benton Harbor Athletic Director Michael VanHoven said there was a plan for the cheerleaders and the boys basketball players to leave the Battle Creek field house in the back. But he said the bus for the cheerleaders picked them up in front of the field house, instead, which led to the confrontation with Battle Creek fans.

He said he thinks that happened because he gave the bus drivers the address for the high school instead of the field house.

Moving forward, Robinson said the district will make sure all of the coaches understand the plan of action to get the student athletes safely to and from facilities at other districts.

Trustee Darwin Watson said security people should travel with all of the district's student athletes.

"We should never leave it to chance for others to take care of our own," he said.

Several parents and cheerleaders attended the meeting, saying afterwards that school officials aren't being supportive of the cheerleaders or their coach.

Of the seven cheerleaders present, all said they were hit by something thrown by Battle Creek fans. The parents said school officials should listen to the cheerleaders and not depend on video footage from Battle Creek school officials, who may be editing out the violent portions.

In addition, they are upset that the cheerleaders weren't allowed to go to the boy's basketball game in Grandville on Tuesday night.

Robinson said after the meeting that the bus was cancelled due to budget cuts.

After the meeting, Taylor said he wants to hear from the cheerleaders. He said they need to write down their experiences in Battle Creek and give them to the principal, who will make sure the statements get into the report on the incident.

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Sophia Tavolacci crowned Miss Watervliet

By HP STAFF

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WATERVLIET — Watervliet High School junior Sophia Tavolacci was crowned Miss Watervliet on Sunday at the Watervliet High School Auditorium.

Also on Sunday, Watervliet senior Dylan Tucker was crowned Mr. Watervliet.

Joining Tavolacci on the Watervliet court are Adriyanna Winters, first runner-up, and Meghan Klann, second runner-up.

Rounding out the court for Mr. Watervliet are first runner-up Gus Hinch and second runner-up Alex Isbrecht.

The new Miss Watervliet is the daughter of Jeff and Kellie Tavolacci. Tavolacci was the MVP in 2018 for cross country and received several awards for cross country and track in both 2018 and 2019. Tavolacci, who has excelled in academics, plans to attend the University of Tennessee to pursue a degree in pediatric medicine.

Winters, a senior at Watervliet High School, is the daughter of Anthony and Rebecca Winters. Winters has excelled in varsity volleyball, basketball and track, and been honored for academics. Winters plans to go to college and major in physical therapy where she will specialize in sports injuries.

Klann, a senior at Watervliet High School, was also named Miss Congeniality. Klann is the daughter of Kevin and Lisa Klann. She is the treasurer of the National Honor Society, a member of student council and has served as the Watervliet Panther mascot for the past two years. She plans to continue her education at Lake Michigan College to obtain her nursing degree.

Tucker is the son of John and Tina Tucker. He has received his varsity letters in football, baseball and the Panther Award for football. He is in the National Honor Society, student council, and has earned various awards in different classes. After graduation Tucker wants to attend college and pursue a career in biomedical science.

Hinch is also a Watervliet High School senior. Hinch, the son of Josh and Kerrie Hinch, has received awards for the National Honor Society, where he is treasurer. Hinch has excelled in track and cross country. He plans to finish his last year at LMC through the fifth year early college program, then seek his bachelor's degree in either psychology or architecture.

Watervliet senior Alex Isbrecht is the son of Thomas and Kimberly Isbrecht. He has been on the honor roll every year throughout high school, and been on the wrestling, soccer, cross country and track teams. Isbrecht plans to attend Grand Valley to pursue a computer science degree.

The chairwoman of the event was Rhonda Yerington. Choreography was provided by Erin Faultersack, with Phil McDonald serving as host of the pageant. Tena's Photography handled the photography duties.

Miss Benton Harbor contest is Sunday

Photo provided

Competing this year for the Miss Benton Harbor title will be, front row, from left: Tori Carter, De'Asha Spencer-Kyle, Alissa Chen, Jenyse McGinnis, Jada Willis, Tak'jha Favorite, Taniya Cornelius; back row: Arial Cloy, Qiyamah Muhammad, Jazmyne Caldwell, Tameshia Walker, Mikelae Kirby, Onjanae Howard. The event starts at 5 p.m. on Sunday, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. at the Benton Harbor Performing Arts Center. A donation for the event is $20. Tickets are being sold by contestants and will also be available at the door.

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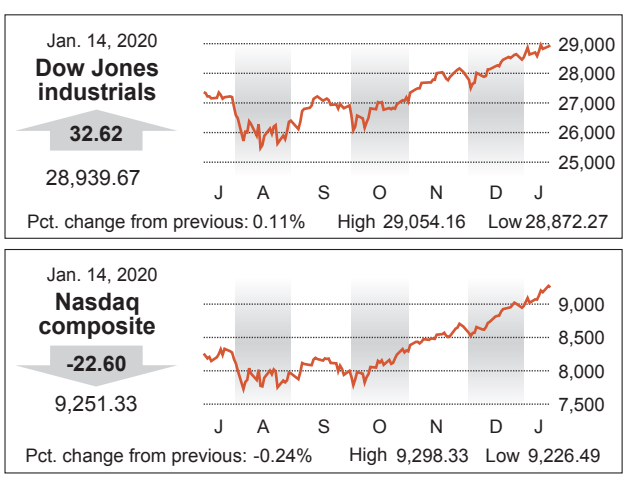

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Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	57.50	56.91	+6.37	+12.6	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	33.97	44.56	40.07	+.66	+1.7	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	89.08	126.60	124.69	-.19	-0.2	▲	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	75.03	91.97	92.14	+.31	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	14.45	23.02	19.46	+.22	+1.1	▲	▲	▼
Stryker	SYK	160.79	223.45	207.96	+1.07	+0.5	▼	▲	▼
TCF Finl	TCF	35.96	47.71	45.67	-.04	-0.1	▲	▼	▼
Target	TGT	69.07	130.24	125.26	+1.39	+1.1	▲	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	82.62	114.25	90.18	-.21	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
UPS B	UPS	92.65	125.31	117.27	+.52	+0.4	▲	▼	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	52.28	62.22	59.04	-.11	-0.2	▲	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	69.76	98.19	93.95	+.30	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	93.11	125.38	116.18	+.30	+0.3	▼	▼	▼
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Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	153.23	+.45	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	40.90	+.35	+0.9	▲	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	86.47	81.58	+2.10	+2.6	▲	▼	▲

Trump administration signals compromise on gas mileage rules

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — The Trump administration is signaling that it could increase fuel economy standards, possibly compromising on its push to freeze them at 2020 levels.

In one of the administration's hardest-fought battles to roll back Obama-era environmental regulations, two federal agencies submitted a final rule on gas mileage and greenhouse gas emissions on Tuesday.

But they would not give details until the rule is reviewed and formally published by the Office of Management and Budget.

Still, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says in a statement that it believes the rule, written jointly with the Environmental Protection Agency, will improve gas mileage and reduce emissions from the U.S. fleet of new vehicles.

The statement also said the rule would make new vehicles more affordable for Americans, thereby putting more new vehicles on the road that are safer than the ones they replaced.

"When finalized, this rule will be a win for all Americans," the statement said.

Last year, the administration's proposed freeze touched off a huge legal fight with California, which has authority under the Clean Air Act to set its own greenhouse gas emissions, and by extension, gas mileage standards. Trump revoked California's authority, and the state challenged the decision in court.

Later, the auto industry split on the matter with four companies, Ford, BMW, Volkswagen and Honda, siding with California. Most other automakers went with Trump.

When the Trump administration released its proposed "Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule" in August of 2018, it was panned by environmental groups who said the calculations were flawed.

Even the EPA's Science Advisory Board, mainly appointed by Trump, questioned the rationale in a draft report late last year. "There are significant weaknesses in the scientific analysis of the proposed rule," the board wrote.

The administration's preferred option to Obama-era fuel efficiency standards was a freeze at 2020 levels, which it contended would save 12,700 lives from car crashes during the life of new vehicles through model year 2029. The logic was that relaxed fuel mileage standards would cut the cost of vehicles, making them more affordable and increasing sales. Since new vehicles are safer, lives would be saved.

Survey: Pay for private university presidents climbs

By COLLIN BINKLEY
AP Education Writer

BOSTON — The average pay for America's private university presidents grew by 10.5 percent in 2017, with dozens receiving more than $1 million and three topping the $5 million mark, according to an annual survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The survey, released Tuesday, finds that private university presidents at more than 500 schools averaged $608,000 in total annual compensation, including salary, bonuses, benefits and other perks. Their average pay increased by 4 percent in 2016 and by 9 percent in the previous year.

The two top earners in 2017 both came from schools in Rhode Island. Ronald K. Machtley, of Bryant University, received $6.28 million, while John J. Bowen, of Johnson & Wales University, received $5.3 million. Bowen retired at the end of 2018, and Machtley has announced he will retire later this year.

Although both presidents earn base salaries under $1 million, their total pay was inflated by deferred compensation deals that came to fruition in 2017, The Chronicle found. Under such deals, colleges set aside money each year to be paid to their chiefs at a future date. Deferred compensation has becoming common at U.S. colleges as a way to discourage leaders from taking jobs elsewhere.

A statement from Bryant University says Machtley has "transformed Bryant from a regional college to a leading university in its field."

"At 24 years, President Machtley has served nearly quadruple the 6.5 year average tenure of a university president," the school said. "Since President Machtley is one of the longest serving university presidents in the nation, it's not surprising that the 2017 payment of his long-term compensation pushed him to the top."

Bryant enrolls about 3,800 students in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Officials at Johnson & Wales University said Bowen's pay package was established 18 years ago and later updated to reflect his accomplishments and years of service. James H. Hance Jr., chairman of the school's Board of Trustees, said Bowen started as a faculty member and worked his way up to chancellor over decades at the university.

"During his 45 years at JWU, the university experienced growth in both enrollment and new facilities while successfully achieving many of the goals set forth in its strategic plans," Hance said in a statement.

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a court recorder to be at a public hearing originally scheduled for Monday, the minutes said.

But in a Jan. 7 letter to the planners, Bell said Schutze had decided to withdraw his application "after much thought and deliberation. … Our client is proceeding in good faith as a lifelong township resident and wants to save the township resources for positive matters rather than fight."

The process agreed to on Monday is "as legal as we can make it," Schultz said.

Planning Secretary Wendie Shafer said the application for a new permit will first go to township Zoning Administrator James Pheifer, for review.

"This was one of the easiest meetings I've been to lately," Schultz said, referring to some earlier contentious meetings on the topic. "Short and sweet tonight."

Prime Time TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING JAN. 15

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time (N)		Modern Family (N)	:31 Single Parents	Stumptown (N) cc (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss "Anytime Fitness"		Criminal Minds "Spectator Slowing"		S.W.A.T. "Bad Cop" (N) cc	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med (N) cc (DVS)		Chicago Fire "Where We End Up" (N)		Chicago P.D. "43rd and Normal" (N)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Flirty Dancing "Episode 4: Alex & Navi"		Almost Family "Generational AF" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) cc	
PBS 34	Outdoor Elements	Nature "Hippos: Africa's River Giants"		NOVA Jupiter's gravitational force. cc		Expedition with Steve Backshall	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The CW Dog Honors (N) cc		Nancy Drew (N) cc		News	Seinfeld cc
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Different Mistakes" cc		Dateline "Graduation Night"		Dateline "Secrets and Lies"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The CW Dog Honors (N) cc		Nancy Drew (N) cc		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 45	:00 Heartland	Heartland Amy and Ty's trust issues.		Highway to Heaven "A Father's Faith"		The List (N) cc	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) cc	
A&E	Live PD: Rewind	Live PD "Live PD -- 01.15.20 (Hour 1)"		America's Top Dog (N) cc		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.15.20 (Hour 2)"	
AMC	Home Alone 2	★★★ Ghostbusters ('84) Bill Murray. Four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls. cc					Ghostbusters II
Animal	Was Prey	:01 I Was Prey: Under Attack (N)				:01 I Was Prey cc	
BET	★★ The Best Man Holiday			T. Perry's The Oval		Tyler Perry's Sistas	
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Basketball			
Bravo	Housewives/NJ	The Real Housewives of New Jersey		Watch What	The Real Housewives of New Jersey		Housewives
Cartoon	Gumball	American	American	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	What-Number	★★★ Crazy Rich Asians ('18) Constance Wu, Henry Golding. cc				:05 ★ The Hot Chick ('02) cc	
CMT	Last Man	★★★ Speed ('94, Action) Keanu Reeves. cc					Term 2
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Listing Impossible	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush People (N) cc		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Holmes	Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Frasers
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Nets at 76ers				NBA Basketball		
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball Auburn at Alabama. (N)			
ESPNC	6:00 NBA	College Football From Nov. 11, 2006.				College Football	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) cc		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Celtics				Pistons Live (N)		Spartans
Freefrm	6:30 ★ Grown Ups ('10, Comedy) Adam Sandler. cc			Party of Five "Long Distance" (N) cc		Good Trouble Malika gets in legal trouble.	
FX	Life of Pets	★★ Despicable Me 3 ('17) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker. cc				★★ Despicable Me 3 ('17) cc	
Golf	PGA Korn	Asian Tour Golf SMBC Singapore Open, First Round. (N) (L)					
Hallmark	The Story of Us	A Winter Princess ('19, Romance) Natalie Hall. cc				Love in Winterland ('20) cc	
HBO	:00 The Outsider	The New Pope "First Episode" cc		:05 ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19) Keanu Reeves. cc			
History	Forged	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire (N)		Vikings (N)	
HGTV	Buying	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunt Intl	Hunters
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Bethany's Story" (N)				1000-lb Sisters (N)	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "I Married a Stranger" First night as husband and wife.				Supernanny "Richardson Family" (N)	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		:01 True Life Crime		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Canadiens					Blackhawks	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100	NFL 100
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Locked	Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		To Catch a Smuggler	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Shriya Patel" cc		Snapped cc		Aaron Hernandez Uncovered cc	
Parmt	:00 ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17) cc					68 Whiskey cc	
Showtime	6:45 ★★★ The Hunt for Red October ('90) cc			★★★★ Platoon ('86, War) Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe. (P). cc			
Starz	:17 ★★ Escape Room ('19, Horror) Taylor Russell. cc			Stockholm ('18) Ethan Hawke, Noomi Rapace. cc			King Kong ('05)
STZENC	:21 ★★ Johnson Family Vacation ('04, Comedy) cc			★★★ Lethal Weapon 2 ('89, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci. cc			
SyFy	:08 ★★★ Captain America: Civil War ('16) Chris Evans. Captain America clashes with Iron Man.					The Magicians "Do Something Crazy"	
TBS	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	How the West	★★ The Wet Parade ('32, Drama) Walter Huston, Lewis Stone. cc				:15 Once Upon a Time in America	
TMC	When Harry	★★★ Lars and the Real Girl ('07) Ryan Gosling, Paul Schneider. cc				★★★ About a Boy ('02) Hugh Grant.	
TNT	Central	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) cc				Pain & Gain	
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Ghosts-Camera	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) cc				:08 Miz & Mrs	:41 Miz & Mrs
VH1	Ink	Black Ink: Chicago		Potluck	Black Ink: Chicago		Hip Hop
WGN-A	Cops cc	Cops cc	Cops cc	Cops cc	Cops cc	Cops cc	Cops cc

Popcorn lung, cobalt lung linked to vaping

DEAR DOCTOR: Our family is worried; my 18-year-old grandson won't give up vaping. How many people have gotten sick? We just read about something called popcorn lung. What is that?

DEAR READER: Ever since the first cases of vaping illness were made public last August, the outbreak has made front-page news. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one of several federal agencies monitoring the outbreak, publishes regular updates about the number of cases of vaping illness, as well as the deaths it has caused. As of December, at least 2,400 hospitalizations due to lung injuries associated with vaping have been reported to the CDC from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. At least 52 people in 26 states and the District of Columbia have died. Doctors and surgeons compare the lung injuries they're seeing to the kinds of chemical burns usually associated with industrial accidents.

But statistics can be a hard sell, particularly for teenagers. Maybe the case of a 17-year-old boy in Detroit, who recently underwent a double lung transplant after falling ill from vaping, will help make the risks seem more real.

One of the striking things about the outbreak is the number of rare lung conditions doctors are now diagnosing. One of these is hard-metal pneumoconiosis, commonly referred to as "cobalt lung." It's a form of pneumonia usually seen in people with long-term exposure to the airborne particulates caused by metal grinding.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier

Ask the Doctors

Another is bronchiolitis obliterans, or "popcorn lung," which is the disease you're asking about. The nickname arises because the disease is linked to a butter-flavored chemical called diacetyl, which was once used in the manufacture of microwave popcorn. This rare form of bronchitis causes the tiny airways within the lungs, known as bronchioles, to become inflamed. This results in tissue damage, including scarring, which thickens and blocks the airways.

Symptoms of popcorn lung include a persistent dry cough and shortness of breath, which become more pronounced during exertion. Additional symptoms can include fatigue and wheezing that are not associated with asthma or illness. Diagnosis often begins with tests to determine lung function. Since chest X-rays can often appear normal in the early stages of the disease, high-resolution imaging tests such as a chest CT scan are often used. There is no cure at this time, so treatment focuses on managing symptoms to slow the progression of the disease. Depending on the individual case, this can include medication to lessen the body's immune response and to ease inflammation. Antibiotics, cough suppressants and supplemental oxygen may also be used. In extreme cases, a lung transplant may be necessary.

Fortunately, there is also good news. Statistics show that the pace of the vaping illness outbreak is slowing. In addition, research now points to black-market vape products as a source of many of the lung injuries. Still, very little is known about the long-term effects of any kind of vaping. Unless they're using legitimate products in order to stop smoking, we recommend that our patients don't vape. The risks of this as a recreational practice are just too great.

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Aunt craves more time with sheltered niece

DEAR CAROLYN: My brother and sister-in-law had their first baby 18 months ago. She's super cute and I'd love to spend time with her.

Except they haven't left her, except for two hours one day last year, *at all*. No grandparents' babysitting, no date nights, no fun aunt time, etc.

This obviously sounds exhausting and not at all healthy for anyone involved.

So far, I've played into their requests and spend time with her whenever I can, with them. But it's hard to bond with a kid when she knows her better choice is right there hovering over her, and I'm kind of over it.

The last straw was asking if I would watch her at the mall while they got their hair cut. I'm 40, not a 13-year-old kid, I'm not going to watch her at the mall.

Any suggestions on how I can deal with them and have a better attitude so that I can at least see my niece?

I had grand ideas of being able to take her for overnights once a year or so, like my aunt did with me starting at 2. At the very least, I had grand ideas of being able to babysit her while her parents went out to dinner.

My annoyance with my brother and SIL is making me not want to see them at all. – Annoyed

DEAR ANNOYED: Well that's about as self-defeating a turn as I've seen a problem take.

I'm not unsympathetic. Watching people overprotect a child, which it sounds as if they're doing, brings out a visceral response for some reason.

Carolyn Hax

I think it's partly based in rational, villager concerns about the potential harm in limiting a child's experience, which may not be an issue at 18 months but will become one if this continues – and about instilling in a child a fear-first worldview.

I think part of it, too, is the implied insult; even you, a loving middle-age auntie, are with the rest of humankind on the Do Not Trust list? Really?

But no matter how valid the issues you take with these parents, they get the last word here – and the first and middle ones, too.

And, ironically, the more you resist or eye-roll their parenting judgment, the more you affirm – to them – their wisdom in maintaining a strict two-person child-rearing advisory board.

Time will crack this open eventually, of course. But you'll make room for yourself sooner if you keep proving your value and keep minding their rules. Of course you'll stroll the mall with their kid while they get haircuts. Because you're not the reason they're distrustful, they are.

Of course you'll come hang out with the child at their home. Respect their right to these rules if not the substance of them.

And while we're here: Of course you won't press for overnights, because even many relaxed parents would say no at 2 (or 5 or [blank]) for all kinds of reasons. Just because it worked for you doesn't mean it suits everyone.

So. Back those expectations down to nothing, and your hopes to this: time with your niece.

That boosts your chance of being trusted when they rethink their "trust no one" stance – or of being the child's badly needed outlet if the clamps stay on.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Relocation pro
6 Jessica of "Murder, She Wrote"
12 Singer Frankie —
14 German city
15 Canal site
16 Rise and shine
17 Ore. neighbor
18 Tax form ID
19 Crumple
21 Andy Capp's quaff
23 Kimono fastener
26 Affirmative
27 Reporter's query
28 Cut of meat
30 Long sigh
31 Summer Games org.
32 Space station view
33 Trudges along
35 Novelist — Follett
37 Swimsuit piece
38 Thong
39 And, for Wolfgang
40 Immeasurable time
41 Border
42 Decide on
43 Store info
44 Identify, slangily
46 Ben & Jerry rival
48 Charm
51 Smelled awful
55 Chocolate dessert
56 Next year's alumnus
57 Damaged by hail
58 Easy mark

DOWN
1 Travel guide
2 Eggs, in biology
3 Panel truck
4 Spiral-horned antelope
5 Trevi Fountain site
6 Degrade
7 Today's paper
8 Trail treat
9 Forest grazer
10 Perjure oneself
11 Miller or Sheridan
13 Hogan dweller (Var.)
19 Fortune
20 On solid ground
22 Local jail
24 Figaro's job
25 Speech openers
26 Shrill barks
27 Trace of smoke
28 Manage for oneself
29 Kublai —
34 Soggiest
36 Goes in
42 Eyed impolitely
43 Scavenging animal
45 Alleviate
47 Go off the — end
48 Fuse word
49 South Seas staple
50 Place
52 Tool set
53 Aurora, to Plato
54 Like the Sahara

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Jumble

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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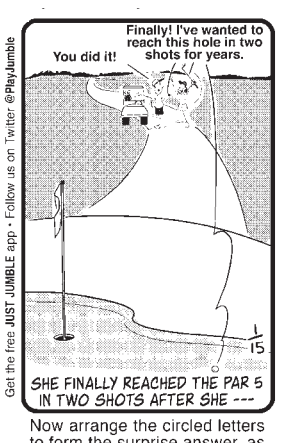
Finally! I've wanted to reach this hole in two shots for years.
You did it!
SHE FINALLY REACHED THE PAR 5 IN TWO SHOTS AFTER SHE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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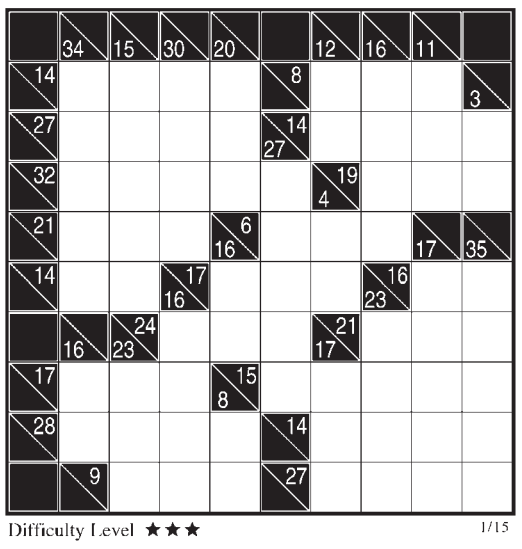
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DRIFT KNIFE EUREKA HOLLOW
Answer: When the sisters started a business together, much of what they did was — WORK-RELATED

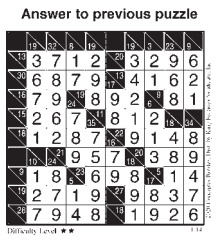
Kakuro



Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/15

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Answer to previous puzzle



Bridge

John Wesley, an 18th-century English preacher, said, "Once in seven years I burn all my sermons; for it is a shame if I cannot write better sermons now than I did seven years ago."

Do cartoonists or bridge columnists recycle every seven years?

In this deal, though, a seven plays a star role. How does the play go in four hearts by South?

The bidding followed a predictable course. However, some Norths would respond three hearts, a pre-emptive jump in competition showing four trumps and a weak hand.

Looking at matters from declarer's point of view, he seemed to have only three losers: one spade and two diamonds. However, West found a resourceful defense.

He led the diamond ace and cashed the diamond king, East playing high-low to show his doubleton. From the point count, it was unlikely that East had an honor card that could take a trick. Instead, West set his eye on a trump winner.

At trick three, West cashed the spade ace. Then he led a low diamond. East, a fine fellow, ruffed with the heart seven, which effected an uppercut. South overruffed with the queen, but West collected a trump trick.

Note two things. First, West did well not to lead the diamond queen at trick four. When you want partner to ruff, lead a loser, not a winner. Second, on this deal it was not necessary to cash the spade ace first. But if South had 1=5=2=5 distribution, and West led the third diamond without cashing the spade ace, when East ruffed, declarer could have discarded his spade, making a loser-on-loser play.

North 01-15-20
♠ 8 5
♥ K 9 4 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ K 10 7 4

West
♠ A 7
♥ J 10 8
♦ A K Q 8 4 3
♣ 9 6

East
♠ 10 9 6 4 3 2
♥ 7
♦ 9 2
♣ 8 5 3 2

South
♠ K Q J
♥ A Q 6 5 3
♦ 10 5
♣ A Q J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♦	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

		1		7	4	2		
					9		4	
7		4		2	6	1	8	3
1		9			2			4
	5		1	4	7		6	
4			9			7		2
2	4	5	7	9		8		6
	3		4					
		8	2	5		4		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	9	7	3	1	5	6	4	8
4	3	1	2	8	6	5	7	9
5	8	6	4	9	7	3	2	1
1	5	9	6	2	4	8	3	7
7	2	3	8	5	9	4	1	6
6	4	8	7	3	1	9	5	2
8	6	2	5	7	3	1	9	4
9	7	5	1	4	8	2	6	3
3	1	4	9	6	2	7	8	5

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Drug dealers must be brought to justice in OD cases

Ron Weber
Opinion Maker

"You're killing people" shouts the front page headline of The Herald-Palladium's Dec. 21 edition, strategically situated above the fold for an instant view to potential readers. The subhead to the story speaks to the crackdown by police and prosecutors on drug dealers and the mounting overdose deaths that are occurring. It seems to me that we're talking about murder, pure and simple. And then there's the ironic contradiction of this get tough policy and the sentencing in a recent case, but I'll get to this case in a bit.

I wholeheartedly support and applaud this focused effort by law enforcement and the message that is being sent to drug dealers and their suppliers. The courage and commitment exhibited by these fine people in what they do on a day-to-day basis is beyond anything I can imagine myself doing. Investigating drug overdoses as a crime is certainly a necessary and appropriate use of resources and is something the public has the responsibility to support.

I was shocked to read that drug overdoses are now the leading cause of injury deaths in the nation. It was equally disconcerting to learn that, in 2017, there were 2,033 overdose deaths involving opioids in Michigan, a rate of 21.21 deaths per 100,000 persons. This blew out the national rate of 14.6 deaths.

Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott said the narcotics officers work to build a link between a death and a dealer in order to build a case for prosecution. "And the drug dealers need to be held accountable," Abbott said. Equally strong comments were made by Berrien County law enforcement and the Berrien County prosecutor. This brings me to the sentencing outcome of the recent Southwest Michigan case I referred to in the opening of this column and the ironic contradiction it seems to represent.

This case involved an adult whose minor child died from a drug overdose. According to the media coverage, the police said that a lengthy investigation found evidence that this person let the child use illicit drugs for an extended period of time resulting in an overdose death. This individual was ultimately prosecuted and sentenced.

The outcome in this case was, to me at least, nothing short of an outrage! This person was allowed to plea down to one count of involuntary manslaughter (What the... ?!), which apparently has a maximum prison term of 15 years. So, what sentence was handed down in this case? Roughly four months in jail and a little probation! Boy, that's going to really teach these people a lesson, right?

This might as well have been a drug dealer and supplier case. Good grief, the result was the same! When I provide my tax dollars for law enforcement I am expecting, like many of you, that the criminal justice system will do justice to the criminals. Cracking down on dealers in drug overdose deaths has got to mean coming down hard on all of the people involved. This plea bargain and sentencing dynamic is hard to understand at times. We can't afford to have prosecutors and the judiciary end up being weak links in this much needed crackdown effort. I am hopeful yet realistic. Law enforcement is only as good as the sentences given.

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What just happened here?

Leonard Pitts

So what in the world just happened here?

That's the question of the moment as we struggle to get our heads around the latest head-snapping episode in the bizarre presidency of Donald Trump. In the last week or so we've seen: 1) a U.S. drone strike in Iraq, killing Qassem Soleimani, commander of Iran's elite Quds Force; 2) Trump's justification of the killing on grounds that Soleimani, architect of hundreds of American military casualties, was planning imminent violence; 3) bellicose threats from Trump to bomb Iranian cultural sites (which would be a war crime); 4) vows of revenge from Tehran, and, 5) Iranian missile attacks upon on Iraqi bases that house U.S. troops. The attacks caused no casualties and thus may – may – have allowed Iran a face-saving way to avoid escalating hostilities.

And there is also word – breaking as this is written – that U.S. officials now believe a Ukrainian passenger plane that crashed near Tehran killing 176 people after the retaliatory attack was shot down accidentally by Iran.

Somewhere in the midst of that chaos, Marco Rubio, Florida senator and Trump sock puppet, tweeted a call for unity. "Iran is now openly calling for American's (sic) to turn on each other. The time will come to debate U.S. policy. Tonight American & allied troops have come under direct attack by a nation-state & Americans must come together to support & protect them & respond appropriately."

In other words, support the troops and don't ask any questions.

It's an appeal to the same sense of patriotic duty that welded Americans together after Sept. 11 and Dec. 7. And you might even allow yourself to be persuaded, if this president were not such an infernal liar.

Yes, presidential lying is hardly unique to Trump. But no president has ever lied as profusely, prolifically or prodigiously as this guy – 15,413 falsehoods since Inauguration Day, according to a December tally in The Washington Post. Truth finds itself not simply assaulted, but also deposed by Trump followers convinced that reality is whatever their great and powerful Oz says it is from one moment to the next. They blithely parrot lies as if they were truths and it's hard to decide if they don't know the difference or just don't care.

But here's the thing: a president can make no more consequential a decision than to use military force. When that happens we need and should demand a full understanding of what makes it necessary. If we are to risk the blood, flesh and treasure of our people, we should at least know why.

And we don't. Oh, we know what Trump has said. Unfortunately, 15,000 lies later, no president has ever had less credibility as he deployed U.S. military assets. That includes Bill Clinton who, in the midst of a scandal over his relationship with a White House intern, authorized strikes against terrorist targets.

No one comes close to Trump. This lying liar lyingly lies – nonstop.

So you'd like to believe there was good reason for what we just did. And that an attack was, indeed, imminent. And that killing Soleimani was the best option – not just a diversion from Trump's impeachment. And that we have a plan for the aftermath.

You'd like to, but you can't. That's the sad state of our Union. That's the graveyard we whistle past.

And Rubio says we must support the troops and ask no questions? No. Let us support them by asking questions, questions as bold and shameless as the lies we are told. Begin with these:

What in the world just happened here?

And what in the world will happen next?

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LETTERS

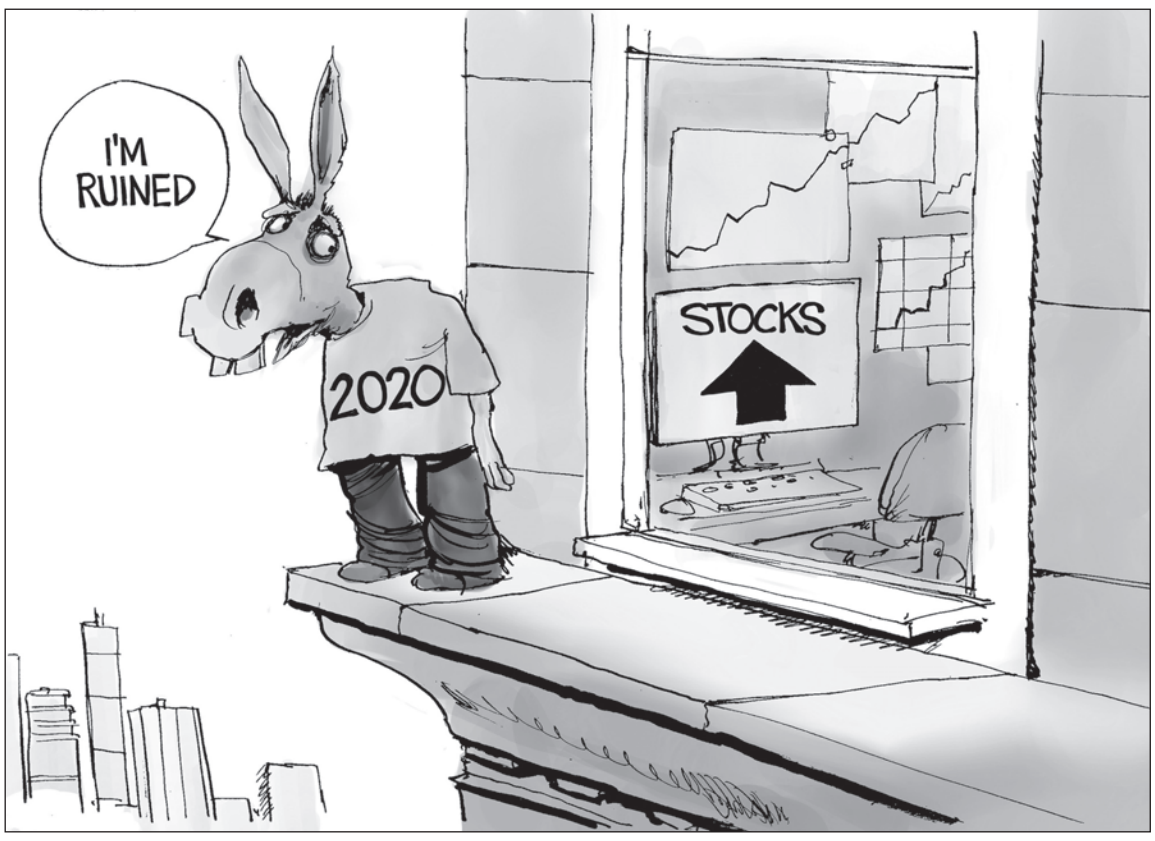
Children learn bullying behavior from adults

Editor,

Recently a meme was shared that stated that children bully because adults bully, but nobody wants to talk about that. That really hit home. I have been bullied more by adults as an adult than I ever was as a kid.

I left a job eight years ago that I had worked at for four years because I was bullied and belittled almost daily by a guy, I'll call him Stinger, who thought he ran the place. Stinger's behavior was tolerated and allowed because he had been there for many years and that's just who he was. He was not an employee so human resources had no control over his behavior. Stinger was reported to the company CEO on numerous occasions, but they were part of the "good old boys" club and the CEO would suggest that Stinger back off and for awhile Stinger might until something new triggered his anger and then he'd be back to being belligerent and abusive.

From day one, Stinger never cared for me. I could never do my job well enough to suit him, although my direct boss never had any complaints. He would come into our office and scream at me, humiliate me in front of others, and once he turned beet red, clenched his fist, shook his finger in my face and yelled some obscenities. He threw a pager across my desk once and told me to get it fixed. He rammed a bed into a wall, putting a hole in the wall where the bed struck. These events were all reported, and supposedly some anger treatment was advised, but because he was not an employee, I was not privileged to know what recourse was taken.



I suffered great mental anguish over this and had to seek professional help for depression and anxiety. I no longer work outside of my home because I never feel that I am worthy enough to have a job. If anyone is foolish enough to think that this bullying does not happen in the workplace in this day and age, they are mistaken. It is the mindset of superiority. People with more education and bigger degrees, whose jobs are often considered more important, often feel they have the right to treat those unequal to them in any way they choose.

I met with a human resources person and an administrator from the hospital where I had worked and was told that while Stinger still worked with them, he no longer behaved that way. They had had a "come to Jesus" conversation with him some time ago and all was well now. They wondered if I would like to have a meeting with Stinger, or a letter of apology. I declined. If he was not convicted of his bullying behavior at the time it took place, something forced upon him eight years later was not going to give me any peace of mind.

Jill Hemenway
Decatur

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A week of near war and chaos

Doyle McManus

Before our national attention span flits heedlessly toward impeachment, the Iowa caucuses and Megxit, it's worth pausing to remember that the United States was on the brink of war with Iran last week.

Two adversaries that barely speak to each other managed to avoid catastrophe – but there's still plenty to worry about.

President Donald Trump set a new red line: Iranian-sponsored acts that harm U.S. citizens will draw retaliation.

Iran lost a top general but reaped an unexpected dividend: Iraq's parliament, angered by U.S. missile strikes on Iraqi territory, voted to order U.S. forces to leave. The vote was nonbinding, but the Trump administration faces a new problem.

By week's end, Washington and Tehran returned to the shadow war they've conducted for the last 40 years: U.S. economic sanctions against Iran, and Iranian proxy strikes against U.S. interests in the Middle East.

But it's not the same old stalemate. It's worse, for two reasons.

First, Iran has moved closer to a long-held strategic goal: forcing the United States out of Iraq – and eventually the rest of the Middle East.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said that "the real revenge" for the U.S. killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani on Jan. 3 would be "when America is expelled from this region and its hand of aggression is cut off forever."

Iran's allies in Iraq are trying to help him get his wish. After Baghdad's parliament passed a resolution to expel U.S. troops, Iraq's caretaker prime minister, Adel Abdul Mahdi, asked Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo to send a delegation to start planning a U.S. withdrawal.

The State Department dismissed that request, saying U.S. troops were staying and arguing that most Iraqis don't want them to leave. This story isn't over.

"A U.S. withdrawal would be a major Iranian victory," Douglas Ollivant, who worked on Iraq strategy under Presidents Obama and George W. Bush, told me. "What's happening (in Iraq) is far beyond Iranian expectations."

Ironically, getting U.S. troops out of the Middle East is one of the few goals Trump has in common with Iran's Islamic leaders. But he probably doesn't want to leave this way – run out of Baghdad while Iran's influence grows. Indeed, he threatened to impose sanctions on Iraq, a U.S. ally, if it tries to force U.S. troops out.

Second, leaders in both countries say they support diplomacy, but their brush with war worsened the prospects for negotiations.

Trump said he was "ready to embrace peace with all who seek it," and Pompeo directed U.S. embassies to avoid meeting with armed Iranian opposition groups because it could be "counterproductive to our policy goal of seeking a comprehensive deal with the Iranian regime."

Iran tried to sound reasonable, too. Rouhani talked with French President Emmanuel Macron, who has tried – without success – to play the role of mediator in the past.

And Iran asked the prime minister of its Muslim neighbor Pakistan, Imran Khan, to intercede with Trump – an intriguing move, since the former cricket star seems to have a good relationship with the president.

But none of that appears likely to get very far.

Trump and Pompeo have shown no sign they would meet Iran's long-standing condition for negotiations – an easing of U.S. sanctions that have crippled Iran's economy. Indeed, Pompeo announced several new sanctions Friday, adding to more than 1,000 already in place.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has called Trump "unstable," "a bully" and an unreliable negotiator. "Who would negotiate with a country that has ignored all other agreements?" he asked last year.

Iran-watchers think Khamenei wants to see Trump lose re-election this fall – not because the ayatollah likes the Democratic candidates, but because he wants Trump to fail, especially after the death of Soleimani.

"The Iranians may well have decided on a strategy of regime change," John W. Limbert, who was one of 52 American diplomats and citizens held hostage for 444 days in Iran in 1979 and 1980, told me.

Iran doesn't want to give Trump the domestic political boost he might gain from a summit meeting with one of its leaders.

"It's pretty hard to see bright prospects for negotiations right now," Limbert said. "The Iranians are going to want an outcome they can paint as a victory. They want to say that they brought the Americans to their knees. That doesn't sound like something the Trump administration would be interested in."

Iran's leaders are in no mood to make concessions to Trump. Instead, they may look for ways to make him a one-term president, just as they believe the hostage crisis doomed President Carter's reelection bid in 1980, perhaps even by sparking a new crisis before November.

Until then, both sides will need careful diplomacy to keep hostilities from escalating again. Our week of almost-war ended not in peace – only a tenuous, makeshift cease-fire.

Doyle McManus is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

U.S. drinking more now than just before Prohibition

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — Americans are drinking more now than when Prohibition was enacted. What's more, it's been rising for two decades, and it's not clear when it will fall again.

That's the picture painted by federal health statistics, which show a rise in per-person consumption and increases in emergency room visits, hospitalizations and deaths tied to drinking.

The stats aren't all bad. Drinking among teenagers is down. And there are signs that some people are taking alcohol seriously – such as the "Dry January" movement making the rounds on social media.

But overall, public health experts say America still has a drinking problem.

"Consumption has been going up. Harms (from alcohol) have been going up," said Dr. Tim Naimi, an alcohol researcher at Boston University. "And there's not been a policy response to match it."

How much do Americans drink?

In the late 1910s, just before Congress banned the sale and manufacture of alcoholic beverages, each American teen and adult was downing just under 2 gallons of alcohol a year on average.

These days it's about 2.3 gallons, according to federal calculations. That works out to nearly 500 drinks, or about nine per week.

Historians say drinking was heaviest in the early 1800s, with estimates that in 1830 the average U.S. adult downed the equivalent of 7 gallons a year.

That waned as the temperance movement pushed for moderation, abstinence and, later, a national ban on the manufacture and sale of alcohol. In 1919, Congress passed the 18th Amendment, instituting the ban. It went into effect on January 17, 1920 – 100 years ago, this Friday – and lasted 13 years.

In 1934, a year after Prohibition was repealed, per-capita consumption was under 1 gallon. It's been up and down since then. The apex was a heavy-drinking spell in the 1970s and 1980s, when U.S. per-person alcohol consumption was 2.75 gallons.

What's driving the increases?

About three-quarters of alcohol-related deaths are in men. But drinking among women – particularly binge drinking – has been a major driver of the increases in alcohol statistics.

White's study found that the female death rate jumped 85 percent, while the male rate rose 39 percent. The highest alcohol-related death rates for women were among those ages 55 to 74, that research found. But increases were seen in younger women, too.

Binge drinking is swinging up most dramatically among women, other research has found.

Researchers say there's been a change in cultural attitudes toward drinking, including among many women. Internet memes popular with stressed-out moms call wine "mommy juice" and joke about it being "wine o'clock."

Obituaries

Stephen Louis Scheid

Stephen Louis "Louie" Scheid, 56, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

SCHEID

Following his wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life service will be held at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, on Jan. 25. Family will welcome visitors at 2 p.m., followed by a 3 p.m. service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Steve "Louie" was born March 21, 1963, in Jackson, Mich., the son of the late Paul E. and Rose Ann Scheid. Steve was a graduate of Western Michigan University and an avid Michigan State fan. Steve held many senior level positions in his supply chain operations career with a number of companies, including Zenith Data Systems, IPC Print Services, Eagle Technologies and Intuit. His expertise, guidance and practical knowledge helped all of those who worked with him have a better understanding of "what needs to get done."

In his personal life, Louie had so many loves that defining a list is difficult. Spending summers on his boat was his happy place. He also enjoyed golfing, skiing and anything that involved his son Zach. You always knew when Big Lou arrived, whatever the event, it just became more fun. Steve had a way of explaining things that made everything seem simple. He could easily get to the bottom of complicated scenarios and had the correct solution to share almost immediately. His broad knowledge of life in general made you want to hang onto every word he said. His biggest priority in life was his wife and son. Because of this, and so much more, he will be missed by his family and friends every single day for the rest of our lives.

On Sept. 25, 1993, he married Julie (Tuberville) Scheid, and made their family complete with the birth of their son, Zachary Scheid (23). Steve also has eight siblings: Charles (Connie), Leo (Suzanne), Dan (Mary Beth), Bill (deceased), Mary Anne (Jim), Richard (Kathy), Bob (Sue) and Margaret (Roy).

Raymond L. Jaggers

Raymond L. Jaggers, 86, of Syracuse, Ind., and formerly of Benton Harbor left Courtyard Healthcare in Goshen, Ind., and stepped into Eternity with his Lord and Savior on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at 7:45 a.m.

JAGGERS

He was born to Paul and Oza (Hudson) Jaggers in Bragg City, Mo., on Nov. 12, 1933. Ray honorably served his country from 1954 to 1956 in the U.S. Army.

On August 14, 1954, he married Velma "Bobbie" Ann Smith, and together they had five sons. Ray retired from Kaywood in Benton Harbor after 39 years of woodworking and was a member of the American Legion Post 253 in North Webster, Ind. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, birdwatching, gardening, and most of all, his family.

He will be greatly missed by his loved ones, Donny Ray (Debbie) Jaggers of Coloma, Bill (Dawn) Jaggers of Syracuse, Roland (Jennifer) Jaggers of Floresville, Texas, Terry (Tina) Jaggers of Hartford and Kerry Jaggers of Benton Harbor; a sister, Bonnie Creech of Springfield, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; special friend, Julia Kiser; along with a caregiver and friend, Kari Marti-Wilbur.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife; parents; two brothers, Roland and Walter; two daughters-in-law, Kathy (Kerry) Jaggers and Tammy (Roland) Jaggers.

A funeral service in honor of Ray will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at General Baptist Church, 3207 E. Eculid Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. Pastor Richard Kiser will officiate. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma, where military honors will be rendered by the Stevensville American Legion Post 568. Friends and family will be received from noon-1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Dolores Sykora

Dolores Sykora, 89, of Bridgman passed away Jan. 12, 2020, at Woodland Terrace.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 Lane Dr., St. Joseph, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18. Friends may visit from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. In lieu of flowers, you may donate in Dee's name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 Lane, St. Joseph, or the Maude Preston Palenske Library, 500 Market St., St. Joseph. Those who wish to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

SYKORA

Dolores "Dee" Sykora was born on March 20, 1930, to David and Doshia Oates in Wyandotte, Mich. She grew up in Trenton, Mich., and graduated from Trenton High School at age 16, in 1946, after which she attended Albion College for one year. In her sophomore year she transferred to the University of Michigan to study music. She immediately joined the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority in her first semester. In the fall of 1949, her sorority worked with the fraternity Theta Chi to build a float for the upcoming homecoming celebration. The morning of the celebration she noticed a handsome guy outside the sorority house, inspecting the float. She immediately rolled up her pajama pants, covered her hair curlers with a scarf, and put on her coat to go out and talk to him. That handsome guy was Robert "Bob" Sykora, who had recently graduated in engineering and was working on his MBA.

One week after she graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in music, she and Bob were married on June 23, 1951. They immediately moved to St. Joseph. With Whirlpool, they lived in Marion, Ohio, back to St. Joseph, Findlay, Ohio, and then back to St. Joseph, where she lived until moving to Woodland Terrace in Bridgman in 2014.

Dee was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Joseph, where she was active as the Girls' Choir Director and sang in the adult choir. She was a longtime member of Monday Musical Club, as well as a volunteer for Hospice. In addition to her music, she enjoyed reading and watching her grandchildren play sports.

Dee is survived by her five children: Ann (Victor) Palenske of Sodus Township, Robert D. (Carla) Sykora of St. Joseph, John (Michelle) Sykora of St. Joseph, Jane Sykora of St. Joseph and Timothy Sykora of State Line, Pa.; as well as 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert K. Sykora; her brother, Kenn Oates; her sister-in-law, Berenice Sykora Palmer; and her parents.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Woodland Terrace for their wonderful care for the last five-plus years, especially Allison, Nicole, Lisbeth, Holly, Stacy, Gabby, Kari, Martha and Tonya. They would also like to thank all of the nurses and staff at Lakeland Caring Circle for their support in her final days.

Arlen L. Krook

Arlen L. Krook, 82, of Apache Junction, Ariz., formerly of Dowagiac passed away on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, with this family by his side.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at Clark Chapel, 405 Center St., Dowagiac. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in Arlen's name may be made to Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to sign Arlen's memory book online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

KROOK

Arlen was born March 13, 1937, to Arvid and Clara (Pederson) Krook in Litchfield, Minn. Arlen was proud to have served his country in the United States Army Reserve from 1954-1960. On Sept. 11, 1957, he married the love of his life, Doris Sorensen, in Superior, Wis. Arlen was known has a hardworking man; he owned several businesses in Dowagiac. He owned and operated Krook's Super Dollar for 15 years before he and his wife Doris started Krook Container Company in 1979.

Arlen loved to travel, especially in his motorhome, taking his family and friends on many road trips. When in Arizona he had a love for the Superstition Mountains and loved going to music jams in surrounding parks. He was known for his great sense of humor and always being a caring and generous person who would open his home to anyone. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing cards with friends and going to the casino. Most of all, he loved being around his family, as they meant the world to him.

Arlen is survived by his children, Kay (Doug) Reist of Laingsburg, Mich., Joni (Kirk) Patzer of Dowagiac and Angie (Steve) Ernzen of Sister Lakes; grandchildren: Darren (Stephanie) Reist, Stephanie (Bill) Nosis, Amy (Andy) Hackett, Eric (Sarah) Patzer, Katie (Drew) Luthringer and Matthew Ernzen; and great-grandchildren: Kate and Andrew Nosis, Hailey Hackett, Zachary and Kenneth Patzer and Mara June and Kaden Luthringer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Krook; his parents; and siblings, Lucille Draxten, Orville Krook, Archie Krook, Russel Krook, John Krook and Leonard Krook.

Brandy Marie Sutherland Newton

Brandy Marie Sutherland Newton, 42, of Covert passed away Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, at South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation in South Haven.

NEWTON

She was born Nov. 17, 1977, in Rock Springs, Wyo., to John Sutherland II and Brenda (Snyder) Mezak. Brandy enjoyed and loved her children very much. Creatively minded, she enjoyed crafting, especially with glitter and crocheting. Brandy's favorite holiday was Christmas.

She is preceded in death by her father, John Sutherland II.

Brandy is survived by her mother, Brenda Mezak, and stepfather, Daniel Mezak Jr.; children: Connor, Benjamin, and Ian Newton of Seattle, Aidan Newton of Kalamazoo, and twin daughters, Briane and Morgan Reed of Covert; and siblings, John (Helen) Sutherland III of Lavale, Md., Rebekah (Dustin) Boley of Paw Paw, Sarah (Derek) Golden of Marshfield, Mo., and Helena Sutherland of Montana.

Private family services have been held. Cremation has taken place at Brandy's request. Memorial contributions may be made in Brandy's honor to your local women's shelter or to Van Buren Domestic Violence Coalition, 3030 E. Paw Paw St., Suite 7, Paw Paw, MI 49079.

Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com. The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, (269) 637-0333.

Merry Moore

Merry was born in Chicago to Henry Brown and Bobbie Jean Moore on Dec. 23, 1972. She was baptized and became a member of Greater Emmanuel World Wide Church under the leadership of the Rev. Jermaine Wright.

MOORE

Merry was very kind and unique. She enjoyed good food, good music and visits from friends and family. She couldn't talk, but she definitely had a voice – using sounds to let you know how she felt. She was very attentive and knew everyone by their voice. Merry was bold and would use her voice to demand respect. If someone came into the house and didn't acknowledge her, she would holler out to let them know she was in the house and wanted to be greeted as well. Merry led a happy life. Her shouts of joy could often be heard throughout the house, and she had a smile that would warm your soul.

Merry departed this life Jan. 6, 2020, at 7:25 a.m.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her siblings, Margaret Moore, James Moore, Ollie Moore and Denise Moore, all of Benton Harbor, and Sammy Moore of Peoria, Ill.; two godmothers, Maxine Talley and Grace Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Homegoing services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, 204 S. Fair Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, with visitation starting at 11 a.m., followed by services at noon. Those wishing to sign the guest book may go to robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Mark Edwin Belfy

Mark Edwin Belfy, 52, of Coloma passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, at his residence.

BELFY

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Donations in memory of Mark may be made to any charity of the donor's choosing. Those wishing to leave an online message of remembrance may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Mark was born May 24, 1967, in Big Rapids, Mich., to Ed and Sharyn (Sinclair) Belfy. He graduated from Coloma High School and was an avid sports fanatic that followed all sports; however, a favorite was the University of Michigan.

In addition to his parents, Mark is survived by his brother, Bob Belfy of Coloma; three aunts, Cynthia Bartlett, Jeanne Belfy and Carol Wojan; several cousins; and many close friends.

Death notices

Emma Jean Clinton, 78, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 11, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Ronnie DeShazer, 67, of Niles died Jan. 14, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Ronald Evans, 54, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

James E. Fuse, 77, formerly of Benton Harbor died Jan. 10, 2020, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Carol Houser, 89, of Niles, formerly of Kalamazoo died Jan. 13, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Raymond L. Jaggers, 86, of Syracuse, Ind., formerly of Benton Harbor died Jan. 13, 2020, at Courtyard Healthcare, Goshen, Ind. Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, Ind., (260) 894-4900.

Arlen L. Krook, 82, of Apache Junction, Ariz., formerly of Dowagiac died Jan. 12, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Merry Moore, 47, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 6, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Brandy M. Sutherland Newton, 42, of Covert died Jan. 11, 2020, at South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Stephen "Louie" Scheid, 56, of St. Joseph died Jan. 6, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Adam R. Tepper, 36, formerly of St. Joseph and Mt. Pleasant, Pa., died Dec. 26, 2019, in Port Orange, Fla. Galore-Caruso Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., (724) 547-2410.

Shirley Ann Wills, 66, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 13, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Getting it straight

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Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1995

Amtrak has to make up a $200 million loss this year and has targeted for closure the Pere Marquette line that stops in St. Joseph on April 1.

State Sen. Harry Gast said he supports the idea of the state taking a larger role in running the service between Grand Rapids and Chicago. "I really think that before that line is closed there will be a lot of water over the dam," Gast said. "I just hope it doesn't get dragged out like the baseball strike."

35 years ago – 1985

Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Cable TV will broadcast a documentary tonight on the City of Benton Harbor put together by Channel 28 in South Bend.

Mayor Wilce Cooke said the show consists of five segments which had been shown separately in news broadcasts late last year. They focus on what's being done to combat the city's economic and social problems.

50 years ago – 1970

Herbert Kerlikowske was elected to his 20th term as president of the St. Joseph Savings and Loan Assoc. at the annual meeting this week.

Kerlikowske, the last remaining member of the board which founded the organization in 1916, was first elected president in 1951. The assets when he was first elected president were $1.7 million and have risen to the present $27,434,904.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2020. There are 351 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 2009, U.S. Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both engines; all 155 people aboard survived.

On this date:

In 1865, as the Civil War neared its end, Union forces captured Fort Fisher near Wilmington, North Carolina, depriving the Confederates of their last major seaport.

In 1892, the original rules of basketball, devised by James Naismith, were published for the first time in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originated.

In 1919, in Boston, a tank containing an estimated 2.3 million gallons of molasses burst, sending the dark syrup coursing through the city's North End, killing 21 people.

In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of War.

In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1993, a historic disarmament ceremony ended in Paris with the last of 125 countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Scattered Rain	Scattered Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Snow	Rain & Snow Likely	Snow Showers Likely
40°	28°	30° / 22°	31° / 23°	38° / 24°	27° / 19°

Local Outlook

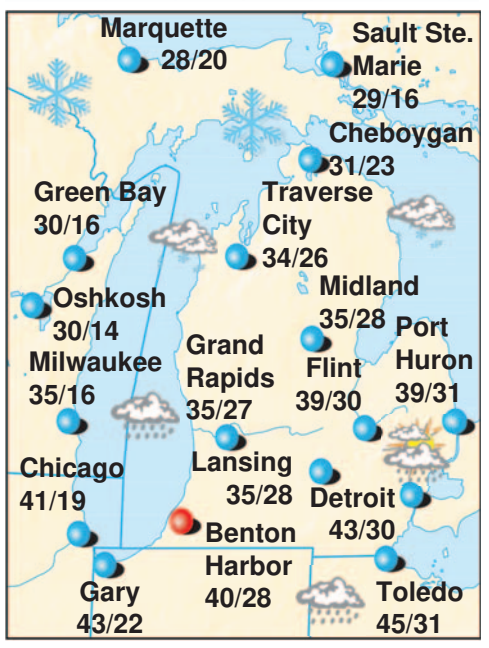
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 40°, humidity of 88%. South southeast wind 3 to 14 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 28°. West northwest wind 14 to 18 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:11 a.m.
Sunset	5:38 p.m.
Moonrise	11:36 p.m.
Moonset	11:33 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
1/17	1/24	2/1	2/9

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	40°
Low	32°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	47° in 2002
Record Low	-7° in 2015

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.93"
Normal for month	0.75"
Year to date	2.93"
Normal Year to date	0.75"

Air Quality

Yesterday 43
Main Offender . . . . . Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

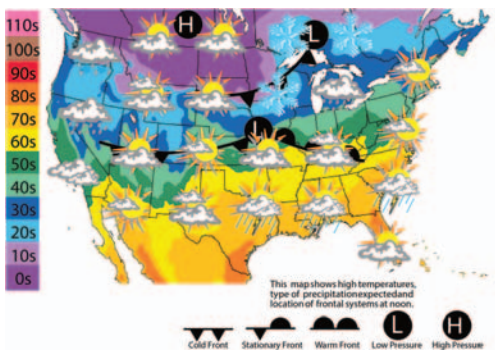
Weather Trivia

Which type of cloud produces lightning?

Answer: Cumulonimbus.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 15, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SE wind 9 to 16 kt. Winds could gust as high as 23 kt. Snow likely. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees. Tonight, WNW wind 23 to 26 kt, with gusts as high as 32 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. South southeast wind 1 to 8 mph. Expect cloudy skies Thursday with widespread snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. Northwest wind 10 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 30s and 40s. South southeast wind 3 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 20s and 30s. West northwest wind 8 to 14 mph.

REUNION

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him all the way out of the vehicle up the muddy ditch and onto land. He was treated at the scene by a Medic 1 ambulance crew, and released.

In an interview after the awards were presented, Weaver told The Herald-Palladium that he and his wife live a little over a mile from the accident scene. He said Date Road at Linco is in poor condition and he's always told his wife, "Somebody's going to die in that ditch. I just didn't think it would be me."

Weaver said as he was suspended upside down in the ditch, with his truck quickly filling with water, he struggled to remove his seat belt and get himself right-side-up in the upside down truck. The water continued to rise inside the truck as Weaver waited for help and spoke with the 911 dispatcher.

"She was just so professional. She kept me calm," he said.

He contemplated breaking the window, but wasn't sure he could get out of the truck on his own and thought breaking the window would make the truck fill faster with water.

Weaver said while he was in the truck, he never really thought about dying.

"I just didn't go there. I was so scared. All I could think about was how to get out of that truck," he said. "I put my energy into that."

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LEAD PIPES

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where we've replaced both the private side of the service and the public side of the services since the rules from the state came out, like on the Wallace Avenue project."

The rest of the system is categorized as unknown. These are areas of the city where in the last 20 years the public side of the system has been updated, but what's between the street and the house is unknown.

By the end of January, St. Joseph is required to notify property owners of which category their property might be in – either no lead, suspected lead, or unknown. Hodgson said they're waiting on some guidance from the state before sending out notifications, so everyone has all the information possible.

Over the next five years the city will make more certain where all the lead services are, and then over the next 20 years, will work to replace 5 percent of those lead pipes each year – something else required by the state mandate.

"That's as long as the system meets lead in drinking water standards," Hodgson said. "If it's unable to meet those standards, then it's 7 percent a year."

The city will have to replace the lines to the water meter, or 18 inches inside the house. The plumbing in a property owner's walls is not part of the regulations.

"Taking the lead out of the drinking water is certainly a desirable, but it's a little challenging going through these projects because there are definitely times we do tests and find lead from lead pipes inside the house, rather than our services," Hodgson said. "I'm a little concerned by not addressing plumbing inside the house, it might not be completely efficient and effective."

He called this whole thing a significant issue moving forward.

"Taking on all of the private sides of the services will be an extra expense," he said. "Not just in the cost, but the additional work it adds to projects."

Creating a financing plan is in the works, according to Hodgson. This could include loans, grants and other options that are available.

Hodgson said the 5 percent replacement each year will have to be incorporated into already scheduled projects in the city's asset management plan, but also new projects above and beyond that to meet the requirement.

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REFORM

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The system, McCormack said, is at a "boiling point" – such that task force members representing a diverse mix of groups agreed that "we can do better" by people housed in jails, crime victims and the public.

The task force reviewed 10 years of arrest and court data along with three years of individual-level admission data from a sample of 20 county jails. Though arrests dropped by 22 percent between 2008 and 2018, the average jail population of 16,600 – split evenly between pretrial and convicted detainees – did not decline proportionally, according to the report. Jail populations have grown faster in rural counties than in urban or suburban areas.

Driving without a valid license was the third most common reason for admissions in a jail and correctional system that cost taxpayers at least $478 million in 2017, not including $418 million that defendants paid. Michigan residents can have their license suspended for non-driving reasons such as failing to appear in court or a drug conviction. Some 358,000 licenses were suspended in 2018 for failure to appear and failure to pay fines and fees.

David Eggert / AP

State Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack and Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, second from right, present a report on jail and pretrial incarceration to House Speaker Lee Chatfield, second from left, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey on Tuesday at the state Capitol in Lansing.

The task force said Michigan should stop suspending and revoking licenses for actions unrelated to safe driving. Most traffic offenses and some minor misdemeanors should be reclassified as civil rather than criminal infractions, it said.

The panel also studied pretrial release and detention policies, saying bail laws should be revised to align with a growing consensus in federal courts. It recommended establishing a tiered framework, where all defendants would be released on a promise to return to court – without paying bail – unless the judge determined the defendant posed a significant risk of not appearing, absconding or injuring themselves or others.

Twenty of the 21 task force members voted last week to forward the recommendations to the Legislature. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, a Democrat, abstained.

Nessel said while the group "made great strides," particularly in recognizing that the system often criminalizes poverty and treats jails and prisons as mental health facilities, she has concerns.

"We can never lose sight of the impact that crime has on the victim. And while we must strive for bold reform, those reforms cannot be at the expense of the individuals the system is designed to protect," she said.

Legislative leaders pledged to seriously consider the recommendations, noting that the Legislature last year agreed on a bipartisan basis to limit law enforcement's ability to seize assets in drug cases and raised the age at which offenders will be treated as adults.

"We are going to be tackling many issues in 2020. But I think paramount to all of them in importance is reforming our criminal justice system," said House Speaker Lee Chatfield, a Republican from Levering.

Photo provided

Shown are several items that Laine Ridley, of Casco Township, has created. Ridley sells the items at his parent's farm store and also at the Glenn Community Center. He also is planning to start selling his creations online.

BLACKSMITH

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and apron and hands them a hammer.

"When I see a youngster who is more interested in watching me than doing what their friends want to do, I invite them in," said Guimond. "More often than not, they are hooked by then."

That's exactly how it happened with Laine. After Guimond had him pound out a letter opener that he says he will keep forever, he was intrigued.

"I always spent time at the Michigan Flywheelers Museum as a kid watching Ted in the blacksmith shop and I always wanted to try it for myself, " Laine said. "When I was old enough, Ted offered me lessons. I've been doing it now for three years, since I was 11."

After close to 90 hours of class time, Laine has developed into quite an craftsman.

"His strength, accuracy and the quality of finish has improved over time," said Guimond. "He's a very mellow kid and takes instruction well. He listens, tries it and then has suggestions."

Some of the items Laine has created include hooks, hangers, bottle openers and even hinges and latches to use on his own shop.

"My dad and I built my blacksmith shop," Laine said. "It's at our home in Casco Township. I have a propane forge and a coal forge."

Luckily, Laine has plenty of support for his hobby from his family.

"He's definitely proven he's devoted to it, so it's cool to see him get his shop," his mother Rachel Ridley said.

This past year, the ninth-grader took his skill to the next level after completing a project from start to finish.

"The Independent Blacksmithing class I did was with Ted as well," he said. "It was focused on me planning and preparing my own projects instead of Ted doing that for me."

The teenager is gaining business skills as well. Like his parents who operate Ridley Family Sugar Farm, he sells what he makes at the Glenn Community Center Markets and in the family's farm store.

"In the next year I plan to open a store on Etsy.com and I also hope to attend more markets as I get older," he said. "I enjoy blacksmithing a lot so I plan to continue."

Teaching a young person blacksmithing makes one older blacksmith very happy.

"I'm living the dream," admits Guimond who taught nine blacksmith classes last year. "I taught school for 32 years. Now I'm in my happy place. I get to teach (blacksmith classes) and I love blacksmithing."

For Laine, the hobby is as much about its past as it is about the skill.

"Blacksmithing just always looked fun to me," he added. "I enjoy the actual work involved but more than that I like the history involved with the skill."

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White Sox, Cishek finalize $6 million contract

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Coach: National champ LSU ready to win more titles

By PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — LSU coach Ed Orgeron is already thinking about what comes next for his national champions. More specifically, who comes next.

Orgeron and the top-ranked Tigers completed a 15-0 season with a dominating and decisive win over No. 3 Clemson, 42-25, on Monday night.

Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow threw five touchdown passes and ran for another. But Burrow, as a senior and the likely No. 1 pick in April's NFL draft, won't return for another championship run.

And he's not the only one. Receiver Justin Jefferson, tailback Clyde Edwards-Hilaire, safety Grant Delpit and tight end Thaddeus Moss are among several juniors with decisions to make about whether they want to come back for another college season or head to the pros.

"It will be difficult to replace these guys, but you're at LSU so you should be able to do it," Orgeron said Tuesday, about 10 hours after celebrating amid the falling confetti at the Superdome.

Orgeron knows he can't expect Burrow's successor (most likely talented sophomore Myles Brennan) to immediately play at Burrow's record-setting level.

Burrow finished with an NCAA record 60 touchdown passes and capped his career by riddling the country's best defense in Clemson, which gave up a season-worst 628 yards. Clemson had allowed only 245 yards a game through the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

Orgeron would love to have this team back for the 2020 season. But the Tigers go after the nation's best prospects and Orgeron lets them know before signing they probably won't stay more than three years.

"It's something we have to accept," he said. "But this is going to be a tough group to replace."

Patrick Queen, a junior middle linebacker, led LSU with eight tackles (2.5 of them behind the line of

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Sue Ogrocki / AP

LSU coach Ed Orgeron holds the trophy beside quarterback Joe Burrow, center, and safety Grant Delpit after winning the College Football Playoff on Monday.

Jeske jets ahead

Lakeshore downs Loy Norrix behind Ella Jeske's 17 points

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

STEVENSVILLE – When the Lakeshore girls basketball team needed a basket, Ella Jeske delivered.

Lakeshore 56, Loy Norrix 44

The senior guard scored led all scorers with 17 points in a 56-44 Lancers win over Kalamazoo Loy Norrix on Tuesday.

"Fast passes were big for us," Jeske said. "I used my speed to get up there. When we got on our fast breaks, a lot of my teammates got up the court fast, too, which led to easy lay-ups for us."

Riley Pifer and Morgan Tillman scored 13 and 11 points respectively for the Lancers, who jumped out to an 11-0 lead to start the game.

But the Knights were able to climb back thanks to offensive rebounds that led to second-chance points.

Leading 22-15 at halftime, the Lancers used a 20-6 run to take control of the game. Jeske was the spark, scoring nine points in the third quarter and 13 total in the second half.

"Ella was fantastic defensively and offensively," Lakeshore coach Michael Clark said. "She's our firecracker defensively; she's one of the fastest players I've ever coached. What I was most proud of her tonight was that she was in control. At times, we struggle with that, but she was able to lead us and play in control."

Chyahir Lewis and Lucyma Konjoh scored 12 points apiece to lead the Knights.

The Lancers led by as many as 19 points in the second half.

"Honestly, that was probably the best game we've played all year from start to finish," Lakeshore coach Michael Clark said. "We've had some games early

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Lakeshore's Hollee Hercik passes while under pressure from Loy Norrix's Ebony Battle during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

SJ girls can't finish comeback

Bears rally from 18 down, but fall to Gull Lake

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph cut an 18-point fourth-quarter deficit to one in Tuesday's girls basketball game against Gull Lake, but couldn't complete the comeback, falling 50-47.

Gull Lake 50, St. Joseph 47

"I was proud of them for their energy," St. Joseph coach Tracey Bloodworth said. "I told them I don't know why it took so long. We can't obviously come out flat and expect to win games against good teams. We didn't get it done."

Gull Lake (4-4) took its largest lead of the game at 45-27 when Lauryn Jerke made a pair of free throws to open the fourth quarter.

St. Joseph scored the game's next 13 points. Back-to-back baskets off steals by Eleah Hedstrom cut the lead to 45-34, and Karly Klaer then scored inside on three straight possessions to trim the margin to five.

Gull Lake pushed the lead back to eight, but St. Joseph regained the momentum on an Emma Inman 3-pointer. The Bears cut it to one at 48-47 with less than minute left when Symone King put back a rebound off a free throw.

The Blue Devils then turned the ball over with 32.2 seconds to go, giving St. Joseph a chance to take the lead. But the Bears followed with a turnover of their own, and Gull Lake broke St. Joseph's pressure defense for an easy basket by Mackenna Meadows to seal the win.

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Astros look ahead after scandal, firing of Hinch and Luhnow

Pat Sullivan / AP

In this Sept. 29, 2014, file photo, Houston Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow, right, and A.J. Hinch pose after Hinch is introduced as the new manager of the team. Hinch and Luhnow were fired Monday after being suspended for their roles in the team's extensive sign-stealing scheme.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros suddenly have a couple more holes to fill.

Less than a month before the start of spring training, the American League champions are without a manager and general manager after AJ Hinch and Jeff Luhnow were suspended by Major League Baseball and subsequently fired by team owner Jim Crane for the club's sign-stealing scheme.

The penalties announced by MLB commissioner Rob Manfred on Monday came after he found illicit use of electronics to steal signs in Houston's run to the 2017 World Series championship and again in the 2018 season. The Astros were also fined $5 million, which is the maximum allowed under the Major League Constitution, and must forfeit their next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.

Now that the punishment has been handed out and Hinch and Luhnow, the architects of Houston's unprecedented success, the franchise must find a way to move forward. First the Astros must hire a manager and general manager who will try and continue the success that the previous regime built.

"I'm optimistic," Crane said Monday. "This thing is deep here there are a lot of smart people here. We'll have a speed bump here ... this is a tough day. But can we recover? Absolutely. And we'll have a great team next year."

Even with all the chaos surrounding the team, the Astros are expected to be favorites to win the AL West title again this season. They lost ace Gerrit Cole to the Yankees in free agency, but return almost all the key pieces that helped them to their second World Series in three year, this time capped by a Game 7 loss to Washington.

It's unclear if Hinch's firing will impact team morale. The 45-year-old Hinch was a favorite among players for his management style and interaction with the team. The former catcher and Stanford graduate was 481-329 in five seasons in Houston with four playoff trips.

To Crane, finding someone to replace him is the priority.

"We'll quickly look for someone to manage the team ... certainly we have

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In brief

Lakeshore Super Duals to feature 3 ranked teams

Lakeshore wrestling's annual Super Duals will be held Saturday featuring three ranked teams.

Besides the Lancers, rated No. 7 this week in Division 2, Rockford (No. 7 in D1) and Dowagiac (No. 9 in D3) will compete along with St. Joseph, Hudsonville and Cedar Springs.

Wrestling on three mats will begin at noon.

Here are Saturday's matchups:

Round 1 - Lakeshore vs. Hudsonville; Rockford vs. Cedar Springs; St. Joseph vs. Dowagiac. Round 2 - Lakeshore vs. Dowagiac; Rockford vs. St. Joseph; Cedar Springs vs. Hudsonville. Round 3 - Lakeshore vs. Rockford; St. Joseph vs. Cedar Springs; Dowagiac vs. Hudsonville. Round 4 - Lakeshore vs. Cedar Springs; St. Joseph vs. Hudsonville; Dowagiac vs. Rockford.

Tonight at 7 p.m. Lakeshore (7-0) takes on St. Joseph (12-9) in a SMAC West Division dual meet at St. Joseph.

Pistons' Rose fined for tossing pen

NEW YORK (AP) — Pistons guard Derrick Rose was fined $25,000 by the NBA on Tuesday for tossing a pen across the court during the end of Detroit's loss to New Orleans.

With 37 seconds left in overtime and play stopped on Monday night, Rose sat slumped on a courtside table and flung the pen into the stands. The Pelicans beat the Pistons 117-110.

The punishment was announced by NBA executive Kiki VanDeWeghe.

Rose had 23 points and eight assists, but it was a costly and frustrating night. His bank shot tied the score at 100 in regulation with 30 seconds left, capping Detroit's rally from 16 points down with 11 minutes remaining.

E'Twaun Moore missed two short jumpers, giving Detroit the ball with 14 seconds to go. That gave Rose a chance to replicate his winner from Dec. 9 in New Orleans, but he missed at the buzzer. In overtime, Rose had two turnovers in the last 90 seconds.

CFP ratings up slightly from 2019

NEW YORK (AP) — LSU's national championship game victory against Clemson drew nearly 26 million viewers to ESPN, up slightly from last year's final.

ESPN said Tuesday that viewership for the three-game College Football Playoff increased 4% from last season, when Clemson beat Alabama in the championship.

The network's championship game megacast, which includes ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPNews, drew 25.6 million viewers. Last year's megacast had 25.3 million viewers. The ESPN-only audience was also up over last year, from 24.3 million to 25 million.

Joe Burrow, the Heisman Trophy winner, led No. 1 LSU to a 42-25 victory Monday night in New Orleans.

The game was 28-25 in the third quarter before LSU surged and put away the title early in the fourth quarter.

Overall, the television audience for New Year's Six games were down 4% over last year for ESPN.

Airwaves

Television today

1:30 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Final Round. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Seton Hall at Butler. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Indiana at Rutgers. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Virginia at Florida State. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Boston Celtics. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Montreal Canadiens. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Golf) **Asian Tour Golf** SMBC Singapore Open, First Round. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Philadelphia Flyers at St. Louis Blues. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** St. John's at Providence. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Auburn at Alabama. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Portland Trail Blazers at Houston Rockets. (Live)
12:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, First Round. (Live)

Thursday

6:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, First Round. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, First Round. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Golf** Latin America Amateur Championship: First Round. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The American Express, First Round. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Ohio State at Michigan State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Cincinnati at Memphis. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Gymnastics** Penn State at Nebraska. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, First Round. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Nebraska at Maryland. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Southern Illinois at Loyola-Chicago. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Tampa Bay Lightning at Minnesota Wild. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **Women's College Basketball** Stanford at Oregon. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Colorado at Arizona State. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Oregon at Washington State. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (Golf) **Asian Tour Golf** SMBC Singapore Open, Second Round. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Golden State Warriors. (Live) CC
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Santa Clara at Gonzaga. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Oregon State at Washington. (Live) CC
3:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, Second Round. (Live)

Radio today

5:30 p.m.
Junior college basketball — LMC at Kellogg doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Thursday

No local broadcasts

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Lakeshore's Morgan Tillman shoots over Loy Norrix's Chyahir Lewis during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

Lancers

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where we play well for one quarter but struggle the rest of them. Even when the lead went down tonight, we were able to respond."

Lakeshore travels to face Mattawan at 5:45 p.m. Friday. The Lancers hope that Tuesday's success is a sign of things to come.

"I think this boosts our confidence," Clark said. "Last year we only won two games and we're already at three games this year and we're not even halfway through our season. I think that gives us motivation going forward."

LAKESHORE 56, KAL. LOY NORRIX 44

LAKESHORE (56)
Ella Jeske 8 0-0 17, Riley Pifer 5 1-2 13, Morgan Tillman 4 3-4 11, Olivia Trivedi 4 0-0 8, Hollee Hercik 3 0-0 6, Reneigh Sandmann 0 1-2 1. Totals: 24 5-8 56.
LOY NORRIX (44)
Chyahir Lewis 6 0-1 12, Lucyma Konjoh 6 0-0 12, Inve Williams 2 0-0 5, Yasmine Cameron 2 0-0 5, Breonia Robinson 2 1-1 5, Chimela Okpechukwu 1 1-1 3, Wendy Miedema 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 2-3 44.

Lakeshore	**24**	**8**	**20**	**14**	**– 56**
Loy Norrix	**5**	**12**	**10**	**17**	**– 44**

3-point goals – Lakeshore 3 (Pifer 2, Jeske), Loy Norrix 2 (Williams, Cameron). Total fouls – Loy Norrix 12, Lakeshore 8. Fouled out – None. Technical Fouls – None. Records – Lakeshore 3-4, Loy Norrix 2-7.

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Off to college

Photo provided

St. Joseph's Lindsey Adent has signed to play soccer at Saint Mary's College.

Bears

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"It's disappointing to work that hard to come back and not come away with the win," Bloodworth said. "But give them some credit, they made plays down the stretch and they came out with the victory."

Gull Lake committed 11 of its 19 turnovers in the fourth quarter as the Bears turned up the intensity of their press. Early on, the Blue Devils were able to beat the press for easy baskets.

"Our press has been really kind of our bread-and-butter," Bloodworth said. "We didn't move and react on the pass, and they broke the press, but when they broke it a number of times they turned it over, too. So I thought the press was effective in some ways, but in other ways it was not."

Gull Lake led 18-11 after one quarter and 33-20 at halftime.

Mackenzie Ford scored a game-high 16 points and Cassidy Neff added 11.

Klaer led St. Joseph with 10 points and King scored nine. The Bears controlled the boards 43-30, led by Cailynn Junk with 10 rebounds and Alex Malone with eight.

GULL LAKE 50, ST. JOSEPH 47

GULL LAKE (50)
Cassidy Neff 5 0-1 11, Mackenzie Ford 7 2-4 16, Ireland Watts 1 2-2 4, Ashley Bates 0 2-2 2, Lauryn Jerke 3 2-2 8, Mackenna Meadows 1 1-3 3, Lizzie Margol 1 1-2 3, Rylee Bennecke 1 0-0 3. Totals: 19 10-16 50.
ST. JOSEPH (47)
Caroline Veine 1 3-4 5, Symone King 4 1-2 9, Leah Barlow 3 0-2 6, Emma Inman 1 0-0 3, Alex Malone 0 2-5 2, Cailynn Junk 0 2-4 2, Karly Klaer 5 0-0 10, Eleah Hedstrom 2 0-2 4, Avery Blomgren 1 1-2 4, Maya Hunter 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18 9-21 47.

Gull Lake	**18**	**15**	**10**	**7**	**— 50**
St. Joseph	**11**	**9**	**7**	**20**	**— 47**

3-point goals — Gull Lake 2 (Neff, Bennecke), St. Joseph 2 (Inman, Blomgren). Total fouls — Gull Lake 19, St. Joseph 18. Fouled out — Bates (GL). Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Gull Lake 30, St. Joseph 43 (Junk 10, Malone 8). Records — Gull Lake 4-4, St. Joseph 5-4.

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Rees named ND offensive coordinator

SOUTH BEND (AP) — Tom Rees has been promoted to offensive coordinator and Lance Taylor is moving up to run game coordinator in a shuffling of the Notre Dame football staff by coach Brian Kelly. Rees is a former quarterback for Kelly at Notre Dame and had been the quarterbacks coach the past three seasons. Taylor was promoted from his role as running backs coach, Kelly announced Tuesday.

Kelly fired offensive coordinator Chip Long in early December and let the 27-year-old Rees and 38-year-old Taylor work with offensive line coach Jeff Quinn preparing the offense for their bowl game against Iowa State on Dec. 28.

The Irish won the Camping World Bowl 33-9. Rees handled play calling in the victory to complete an 11-2 season.

"After an extensive national search, I'm proud to name Tom Rees our next offensive coordinator," Kelly said. "Tom's ability to connect with our players and staff and accepting and embracing the incredible opportunity in being the offensive coordinator at Notre Dame made him the right choice."

Notre Dame's quarterbacks have set numerous program records under Rees. Ian Book is set to return for a fifth season after joining Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts as one of two FBS quarterbacks with more than 500 yards rushing (546), 3,000 yards passing (3,034) and 30 touchdown passes (34).

Rees played quarterback at Notre Dame from 2010-14 and was 23-8 as a starter.

Taylor came to Notre Dame prior to the 2019 season after spending two seasons as wide receivers coach for the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

White Sox, Cishek finalize $6M deal

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox finalized a $6 million, one-year contract with free agent reliever Steve Cishek on Tuesday.

The 33-year-old right-hander will earn $5.25 million next season under the deal reached last week. The White Sox hold a $6.75 million option for 2021 with a $750,000 buyout.

Cishek is heading to the South Side after spending the past two seasons with the crosstown Cubs. The side-armer went 4-6 with a 2.95 ERA and seven saves in 70 appearances last year.

"We believe Steve is a solid addition to our bullpen," general manager Rick Hahn said. "He complements our other relievers well, provides a different look to opposing hitters later in games, and has consistently proven to be both durable and successful throughout his career."

Cishek broke into the majors in 2010 with the Marlins. He is 32-27 with a 2.69 ERA and 132 saves in 10 years in the majors, also playing for Tampa Bay, Seattle and St. Louis.

Cishek likely will be used in late-inning situations in front of Alex Colomé, who had 30 saves and a 2.80 ERA last year in his first season with the White Sox. Kelvin Herrera also is back after he struggled in 2019.

Chicago has been one of baseball's most active teams, hoping to contend for the AL Central title after seven straight losing seasons.

The White Sox also signed catcher Yasmani Grandal, slugger Edwin Encarnación and pitchers Dallas Keuchel and Gio González to free agent deals. Outfielder Nomar Mazara was acquired in a trade with the Texas Rangers.

First baseman Jose Abreu, who led the AL with 123 RBIs last season, was re-signed to a $50 million, three-year deal, and top prospect Luis Robert agreed to a $50 million, six-year contract, clearing the way for the outfielder to begin the season in the majors.

Wings blown out by Islanders

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Brock Nelson scored twice and the New York Islanders routed the Detroit Red Wings 8-2 Tuesday night.

New York scored three times in the first eight minutes, a rousing response after a lopsided road loss to the crosstown Rangers a night earlier. The league-worst Red Wings were out of it early, and Thomas Greiss made 34 saves to back the Islanders.

Jordan Eberle, Josh Bailey and Nelson chased Detroit goalie Jimmy Howard with their three quick goals early. Calvin Pickard relieved and stopped 14 of 19 shots.

Filip Hronek scored for Detroit 11:45 into the first.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 53, COVERT 14

LUTHERAN (53)
Mara Rugen 7 0-0 15, Rebekah Hisle 3 3-4 9, Maria Rush 1 0-0 2, Jenna Koehler 2 0-0 4, Sophee Garcia 0 0-2 0, Abby Harris 1 1-1 3, Jessi Jewell 3 0-0 6, Clare Berghaus 6 0-0 12, Hailey Conrad 1 0-0 2. Totals: 24 4-7 53.
COVERT (14)
Rickia Greenwood 4 2-4 10, Lucerno Hernandez 1 0-0 2, Shayla Rodriguez 1 0-0 2. Totals: 6 2-4 14.

Lutheran	**16**	**21**	**7**	**9**	**— 53**
Covert	**4**	**5**	**2**	**3**	**— 14**

3-point goals — Lutheran 1 (Rugen), Covert 0. Total fouls — Lutheran 3, Covert 7. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Hisle (ML) 5. Assists — Jewell (ML) 5. Steals — Rugen (ML) 4.
Records — Lutheran 6-0 BCS White, 8-0; Covert 0-4, 0-4.

RIVER VALLEY 53, COUNTRYSIDE 4

COUNTRYSIDE (4)
Celina Robinson 1 2-5 4. Totals: 1 2-5 4.
RIVER VALLEY (53)
Lucia Rico 2 0-0 4, Macey Springer 2 0-0 4, Emma Springer 5 0-0 10, Alexis McCarty 3 0-0 6, Hailey Hauch 3 0-0 6, Joanna Vert 3 1-1 8, Annekah Witter 2 0-0 4, Kaylee Jirtle 2 1-2 5, Rebecca Oman 3 0-3 6. Totals: 25 2-6 53.

Countryside	**0**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**— 4**
R. Valley	**15**	**4**	**12**	**22**	**— 53**

3-point goals — Countryside 0, River Valley 1 (Vert). Total fouls — Countryside 6, River Valley 6. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none.
Records — Countryside 0-5, 0-5; River Valley 4-2, 5-4.

SCHOOLCRAFT 47, NILES 41

NILES (41)
K. Patterson 2 2-2 7, Davies 0 1-2 1, Palmer 6 0-0 12, A. Patterson 6 2-4 19, Skarbek 0 2-2 2. Totals: 14 7-10 41.
SCHOOLCRAFT (47)
Walther 1 0-2 3, Reid 2 0-0 4, Sayman 3 8-11 14, Onlen 1 0-0 2, Rosey 0 2-2 2, Miller 2 2-2 6, Schupped 8 0-0 16. Totals: 17 12-17 47.

Niles	**15**	**9**	**4**	**13**	**— 41**
Schoolcraft	**7**	**15**	**16**	**9**	**— 47**

3-point goals — Niles 6 (A. Patterson 5, K. Patterson), Schoolcraft 1 (Walther). Total fouls — Niles 14, Schoolcraft 4. Rebounds — Davies (N) 9.
Records — Niles 5-3, Schoolcraft 6-1.

HARTFORD 34, MARCELLUS 26

HARTFORD (34)
M. Nelson 6 3-5 18, J. Galvan 2 0-2 6, K. McCoy 1 0-0 2, V. Delarosa 1 0-0 2, N. Covington 1 0-1 2, A. Snodgrass 2 0-0 4. Totals: 13 3-8 34.
MARCELLUS (26)
J. Small 0 2-4 2, H. Wilds 0 2-2 2, A. Tibbs 1 0-0 2, A. Daugherty 3 1-3 7, E. Holmes 0 0-2 0, S. Lowery 3 2-5 8, R. Welburn 0 1-6 1, R. Mihills 2 0-0 4. Totals: 9 8-22 26.

Hartford	**5**	**10**	**7**	**12**	**— 34**
Marcellus	**5**	**11**	**4**	**6**	**— 26**

3-point goals — Hartford 5 (Nelson 3, Galvan 2), Marcellus 0. Total fouls — Hartford 16, Marcellus 11. Fouled out — Snodgrass (H). Technical fouls — none.
Records — Hartford 5-2 Southwest 10, 6-2; Marcellus 3-4, 4-4.

CENTREVILLE 47, DECATUR 33

CENTREVILLE (47)
Asia Pratel 1 0-0 2, Amy Carpenter 2 0-0 5, Joanna Larsen 9 1-1 19, Grace Edwards 1 0-0 2, Olivia Deeds 3 0-0 8, Paige Walton 2 0-0 4, Madison Schrader 1 0-0 3, Isabel Stauffer 2 0-0 4. Totals: 21 1-1 47.
DECATUR (33)
Regan Rose 3 7-6 13, Dani Confer 2 0-0 5, Morgan Hall 2 2-2 6, Leah Baushke 2 2-0 4, Jania Green 1 4-3 5. Totals: 10 15-11 33.

Centreville	**16**	**13**	**12**	**6**	**– 47**
Decatur	**4**	**9**	**6**	**14**	**– 33**

3-point goals – Centreville 4 (Deeds 2, Carpenter, Schrader); Decatur 2 (Rose, Confer). Total fouls – Centreville 14, Decatur 4. Fouled Out – None. Technical Fouls – None.
Records – Centreville 7-0 SW10, 9-0; Decatur 5-2 SW10, 7-2.

NEW BUFFALO 59, HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 20

Complete results unavailable

BOYS BASKETBALL

CONSTANTINE 73, BERRIEN SPRINGS 57

CONSTANTINE (73)
Ty Dumm 1 0-0 2, Davonte Conley 5 0-0 12, Hunter Bacheller 8 4-7 23, Logan Miller 1 0-0 2, Trey Salisbury 8 4-5 20, Caleb Wisel 3 0-0 7, Cory King 3 1-1 7. Totals: 29 9-13 73.
BERRIEN SPRINGS (57)
Byron Tate 2 0-0 4, Jackson Glanzer 6 2-3 14, Marshall McFarland 11 3-5 25, Josiah Pittman 2 3-5 8, Jaylen Thompson 1 2-2 4, Zeb Bodtke 1 0-0 2. Totals: 23 10-15 57.

Constantine	**18**	**17**	**18**	**20**	**— 73**
B. Springs	**19**	**12**	**11**	**15**	**— 57**

3-point goals — Constantine 6 (Bacheller 3, Conley 2, Wisel), B. Springs 1 (Pittman). Total fouls — Constantine 14, Berrien Springs 15. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none.
Records — Constantine 3-3, Berrien Springs 2-4.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 60, COVERT 32

LUTHERAN (60)
Alex Ritter 4 2-2 10, AJ DeWeerd 2 0-0 4, Max Plocher 2 0-0 5, Sam Taylor 1 0-0 2, Nick Lockman 5 1-1 13, Abdul Erby 4 0-2 8, Isaiah Daylo 2 0-0 5, Daniel Adams 1 0-0 2, Adam Rosenbaum 5 1-3 11. Totals: 26 4-6 60.
COVERT (32)
Jesse Hernandez 2 0-0 5, Hector Hernandez 4 0-0 9, Orlando Aldaco 4 0-0 12, Lazarus Gallegos 1 0-0 3, Michael Darling 1 1-2 3. Totals: 12 1-2 32.

Lutheran	**22**	**9**	**10**	**19**	**— 60**
Covert	**3**	**17**	**3**	**9**	**— 32**

3-point goals — Lutheran 4 (Lockman 2, Plocher, Daylo), Covert 7 (Aldaco 4, J. Hernandez, H. Hernandez, Gallegos). Total fouls — Lutheran 5, Covert 11. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none.
Records — Lutheran 2-2 BCS White, 3-3; Covert 0-5, 0-6.

RIVER VALLEY 54, COUNTRYSIDE 30

COUNTRYSIDE (30)
Charles Booker 1 0-0 2, Lamarion Gordon 1 0-0 3, Jamere Matlock 3 5-8 12, Brandon Buchanan 2 0-0 4, Terrance Allen 1 0-0 3, Jeffrey Brown 3 0-0 6. Totals: 11 5-8 30.
RIVER VALLEY (54)
Levi Strauss 1 0-0 2, Lennon Lange 5 0-0 11, Wil Korbel 6 6-11 18, Jacob Barbour 2 0-0 5, Tylar Montgomery 1 0-0 2, Carson Taylor 1 0-0 2, Josh Seifert 1 0-0 3, Matthew Schmidt 1 1-2 3, Davyd Bronson 4 0-0 8, Kenny Gibson 0 0-2 0. Totals: 22 7-15 54.

Countryside	**10**	**12**	**4**	**4**	**— 30**
R. Valley	**13**	**10**	**12**	**19**	**— 54**

3-point goals — Countryside 3 (Gordon, Matlock, Allen), River Valley 3 (Lange, Barbour, Seifert). Total fouls — Countryside 15, River Valley 11.
Records — Countryside 2-2 BCS White, 2-3; River Valley 5-0, 7-2.

BUCHANAN 62, NILES 52

BUCHANAN (62)
Brad VanOverberghe 19, Logan Carson 18, Chris Young 11.
NILES (52)
Mari Nichols 22, Cerious Wilson 10.

Buchanan	**12**	**14**	**19**	**17**	**— 62**
Niles	**15**	**9**	**19**	**9**	**— 52**

Records — Buchanan 4-1, Niles 2-5.
Complete results unavailable.

GULL LAKE 69, ST. JOSEPH 40

ST. JOSEPH (40)
Jeremiah Sterling 3 5-6 9, Conner Wright 1 4-6 7, Griffin Shinrock 2 2-2 6, Brennen Kerns 2 0-0 5, Luke Hedstrom 1 0-0 3, Joshua Terry 1 0-0 3, Andy Blomgren 1 1-1 3, Grant Hardy 1 0-0 2, Samuel Simpson 1 0-1 2. Totals: 12 12-17 40.
GULL LAKE (69)
Caleb Taylor 9 2-2 23, Jack Lockerbie 3 1-3 10, Zach Collard 2 6-13 10, Nick Deanda 2 2-2 6, John Stage 1 2-2 5, Tyler Corstange 2 0-0 5, Max Skrceny 1 1-2 3, Jacob Louden 1 0-0 2, Haidyn Garrison 0 2-2 2, Zach Pejka 1 0-0 2. 22 17-28 69.
3-point goals – Gull Lake 8 (Taylor 3, Lockerbie 3, Stage, Corstange), St. Joseph 4 (Hedstrom, Terry, Wright, Kerns). Records – Gull Lake 4-3, St. Joseph 2-5.
Complete results unavailable

BRANDYWINE 70, WATERVLIET 41

BRANDYWINE (70)
Jordan Abrams 7 0-0 17, Kendall Chrismon 4 1-2 9, Caleb 4 0-0 9, Michael Cole 1 4-6 6, Brock Prienkert 3 0-0 6, Shane Brown 2 0-0 5, Gabe Gouin 1 3-3 5, Tim Walker 2 0-2 4, Carson Knapp 1 0-0 3, Bryce Taberski 1 0-0 2, Jacob Fox 1 0-0 2, Jaelen Briggs 0 2-4 2. Totals: 27 10-17 70.
WATERVLIET (41)
Andrew Chisek 3 8-8 14, Evan Hutchins 3 1-2 8, Jordan Abney 1 2-2 5, Curtis White 2 0-0 4, Kenny Russell 1 0-0 3, Davis Kins 1 0-0 3, Brennan Bornas 1 0-0 2, Cole Pline 1 0-0 2. 13 11-12 41.

Brandywine	**22**	**12**	**22**	**14**	**– 70**
Watervliet	**7**	**12**	**15**	**7**	**– 41**

3-point goals – Brandywine 6 (Abrams 3, Brown, Byrd, Knapp), Watervliet 4 (Hutchins, Russell, Abney, Kins). Total fouls – Watervliet 15, Brandywine 15. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None. Records – Brandywine 7-0, Watervliet 2-5.

WHITE PIGEON 54, EAU CLAIRE 51

WHITE PIGEON (54)
Cauper 2 8-12 12, C. Jackson 4 2-6 10, Kemp 5 0-0 10, Murphy 3 3-4 9, Hollingsworth 3 0-0 7, D. Jackson 1 0-0 3, Freedline 0 2-2 2, Lane 0 1-2 1. Totals: 18 16-26 54
EAU CLAIRE (51)
Marquis Hackney 5 1-2 13, Damarion Travis 5 2-6 13, Deshun Holmes 4 0-0 8, Karmelo Taylor 3 0-0 7, Terrance Murphy 1 1-2 3, Daquawn Evans 1 1-2 3, Marlon Moore 1 1-2 3, Joel Gomez 0 1-2 1. Totals: 20 7-14 51.

White Pigeon	**11**	**11**	**17**	**15**	**– 54**
Eau Claire	**10**	**10**	**14**	**17**	**– 51**

3-point goals – Eau Claire 3 (Hackney, Taylor, Travis), White Pigeon 2 (D. Jackson, Hollingsworth). Total fouls – Eau Claire 19, White Pigeon 15. Fouled out – Eau Claire (Travis). Technical fouls – None.

NEW BUFFALO 48, HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 47

NEW BUFFALO (48)
Anthony Lijewski 5 0-0 12, Ryan Vinson 6 0-2 6 12, 5 0-1 10, Sean Gordon 1 2-3 5, Markvell Shaw 2 0-0 5, 1 2-4 4. Totals: 21 2-7 48.
HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN (47)
Jason Jergens 9 3-4 24, Josh Rose 2 5-8 9, Josiah Rose 1 2-2 4, Zach Grandlinard 2 0-1 4, Josh Parks 1 1-1 3, Ethan Johnson 1 1-2 3. Totals: 16 12-18 47.

New Buffalo	**8**	**9**	**17**	**14**	**– 48**
Howardsville	**10**	**11**	**16**	**10**	**– 47**

3-point goals – New Buffalo 4 (Lijewski 2, Shaw, Gordon), Howardsville Christian 3 (Jergens 3). Total fouls – New Buffalo 16, Howardsville Christian 12. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None. Records – New Buffalo 4-0 BCS White, 4-1; Howardsville Christian 3-2 BCS White, 4-3.

LAWRENCE 53, LAKE MICH. CATHOLIC 30

LAWRENCE (53)
Zapata 4 1-1 12, Lopez 2 5-6 11, K. Smith 4 1-4 10, Bol 4 1-4 9, Capeman 2 2-2 6, Majauwski 1 0-0 3, Bowen 0 2-6 2, Payment 1 0-0 2, Williams 1 0-0 2. Totals: 19 16-21 53.
LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC (30)
Koenig 4 0-1 9, Jozwiak 2 0-1 6, Nerio 2 0-1 5, Allen 1 2-2 5, Ireland 1 0-0 3, Green 1 0-0 2. Totals 11 2-5 30.

Lawrence	**11**	**7**	**17**	**18**	**–53**
LM Catholic	**9**	**8**	**5**	**8**	**– 30**

3-point goals – LM Catholic 6 (Jozwiak 2, Koenig, Nerio, Ireland, Allen), Lawrence 5 (Zapata 3, K. Smith, Majauski). Total fouls – LM Catholic 18, Lawrence 15. Fouled out – LM Catholic (Allen), Lawrence (Capeman). Technical Fouls – None.

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Wrestling
Lakeshore at St. Joseph, 6
Niles at Portage Northern, 6
Dowagiac, Vicksburg at Plainwell, 6
South Haven, Allegan at Otsego, 5:30
Watervliet, Coloma at Constantine, 6
Berrien Springs at Lawrence, 6
Buchanan, Brandywine, Benton Harbor at River Valley, 6
Bangor, Bloomingdale at Decatur, 6
Eau Claire, Hartford at Mendon, 6
Competitive cheer
Dowagiac, South Haven at Allegan, 6
Bowling
Kal. Hackett at Coloma (Kelley's Bowl), 3:30
College basketball
LMC men at Kellogg CC, 7:30
LMC women at Kellogg CC. 5:30

Thursday
Girls basketball
BC Calhoun Christian at Benton Harbor, 6
Brandywine at Buchanan, 7
Lawrence at River Valley, 7:30
Boys swimming
Portage Central at Bridgman, 6

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL
MOONSHINERS — Sonya Jackson 533, Pam Head 515, Gladys Hunter 513, Sue Holland 511, Amanda Bland 511, Tmesia Daughtry 507. Team: Bad Girls 1561 (520).
BERRIEN GUTTER GALS — Heather Garrison 526, Gladys Hunter 503, Linda Langston 461, Pat Bohanek 441. Team: Bohanek 1399 (475).
WHIRLPOOL MIXED — Women: Karyn Fricke 538, Nancy Pinkerton 470, Ami Huff 455, Sue Wyman 417. Men: Ben Brose 656 (245), David Jones 603 (207), Bryan Bishop 556, Scott Ostojic 542, Nick Norton 525, Mike Sauer 525, Steve Dockham 513. Team: The Bowling Stones 2006 (679), Don't Give A Split 1854 (624).
COLOMA LANES
GEORGE HUFFMAN MEMORIAL — Dan Gulliver 686 (255), Bob McCormick 686 (280), Jim Davis 671 (275), Tim Kling 664 (256), David Milnickel Jr. 656 (268), Charlie Broadhurst 652 (235), Bryan Angelo 650 (247).

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Tuesday's boys scores
Adrian Lenawee Christian 67, Britton-Deerfield 48
Alanson 56, Wolverine 53
Ann Arbor Skyline 58, Ann Arbor Pioneer 37
Armada 54, Marlette 31
Battle Creek Central 48, Mattawan 42
Bay City John Glenn 60, Saginaw Swan Valley 44
Beal City 48, Leroy Pine River 37
Beaverton 68, Farwell 51
Benton Harbor 88, Grandville 45
Blissfield 56, Hillsdale 42
Boyne City 71, Gaylord 37
Boyne Falls 57, Petoskey St. Michael Academy 25
Buchanan 62, Niles 52
Burton Bendle 85, Morrice 50
Burton Genesee Christian 73, Burton Atherton 54
Cadillac 61, Bay City Western 37
Calhoun Christian 73, Hillsdale Will Carleton Academy 56
Canton Prep 61, Dearborn Heights Star International 41
Carrollton 68, Ithaca 42
Cedarville 68, Newberry 46
Chelsea 51, Adrian 39
Coldwater 54, Jackson Northwest 37
Constantine 73, Berrien Springs 57
Coopersville 68, Spring Lake 50
Dearborn 59, Dearborn Fordson 53
Dearborn Advanced Technology 85, Michigan Math and Science 29
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 61, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 47
Detroit Comm & Media Arts 73, Detroit Renaissance 71
Detroit East English 68, Detroit Central 62
Detroit Mumford 75, Detroit West Side Academy 44
Detroit Osborn 58, Detroit Davis 40
Dexter 60, Jackson 40
Dowagiac Union 49, South Haven 43
Dryden 62, Deckerville 42
Durand 60, Otisville Lakeville 54
Eastpointe East Detroit 72, Warren Lincoln 51
Ellsworth 74, Harbor Light Christian 48
Engadine 61, Cooks Big Bay de Noc 19
Erie-Mason 56, Brooklyn Columbia Central 49
Escanaba 64, Menominee 44
Fenton 58, Ortonville Brandon 50
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 66, Saginaw Heritage 63
Fraser 67, Port Huron Northern 65
Fremont 46, Newaygo 43
Gabriel Richard Catholic 69, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 53
Gibraltar Carlson 59, Trenton 46
Goodrich 73, Swartz Creek 56
Grand Rapids Catholic 68, Allendale 54
Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 59, Comstock Park 22
Grand Rapids West Catholic 71, Sparta 54
Grosse Ile 51, New Boston Huron 46
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 49, Allen Park Cabrini 32
Hanover-Horton 49, Grass Lake 39
Harper Woods 53, Ecorse 40
Hemlock 58, Midland Bullock Creek 43
Holland West Ottawa 63, East Kentwood 39
Holton 58, Holland Black River 22
Hudsonville 60, Grand Haven 44
Hudsonville Unity Christian 74, Holland 36
Kalamazoo Central 74, Portage Northern 37
Kalamazoo Christian 47, Comstock 26
Lake Orion 51, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 41
Landmark Academy 33, Akron-Fairgrove 21
Lansing Catholic 62, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 52
Leland 61, Suttons Bay 54
Linden 71, Owosso 36
Mackinaw City 67, Alba 31
Manistee Catholic Central 62, Bear Lake 29
Manton 60, Roscommon 53
Maple City Glen Lake 63, Frankfort 50
Marcellus 74, Hartford 65
Marine City 58, Clawson 44
Marine City Cardinal Mooney 63, Royal Oak Shrine 51
Marshall 68, Jackson Lumen Christi 47
Marshall Academy 64, Galesburg-Augusta 25
Mason County Central 46, Manistee 35
Melvindale Academy for Business And Tech 69, Taylor Trillium Academy 66
Michigan Center 80, Manchester 53
Mount Pleasant 80, St. Johns 40
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 55, North Muskegon 38
Napoleon 55, Vandercook Lake Jackson 41
New Buffalo 48, Marcellus Howardsville Christian 47
Niles Brandywine 70, Watervliet 41
Northville 60, Canton 51
Oakridge High School 91, Hesperia 22
Okemos 69, East Lansing 51
Orchard Lake St. Mary's 94, Detroit Catholic Central 55
Otsego 63, Edwardsburg 52
Ovid-Elsie 56, Mount Morris 46
Parchment 50, Kalamazoo Hackett 48
Peck 51, Bay City All Saints 37
Pellston 72, Mancelona 60
Perry 54, Olivet 38
Pontiac Academy for Excellence 47, Pontiac A&T 41
Port Huron 55, Clinton Township Clintondale 48
Portland St. Patrick 64, Ashley 38
Rapid River 57, Manistique 52
Redford Thurston 69, Garden City 20
Redford Union 46, Melvindale 28
Remus Chippewa Hills 40, Reed City 38
Richland Gull Lake 69, St. Joseph 39
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 47, Brighton Charyl Stockwell 32
Rockford 73, Caledonia 63
Rogers City 55, Hillman 24
Rudyard 44, DeTour 39
Saginaw Arts and Science 45, Kinde-North Huron 34
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 66, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 51
Saginaw Nouvel 45, Millington 42
Saline 69, Bedford 61
Sanford-Meridian 51, Shepherd 50
Southfield Christian 92, Novi Christian 74
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 80, Hazel Park 51
St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 60, Covert 32
St. Louis 63, St. Charles 62
Standish-Sterling 69, West Branch Ogemaw Heights 58
Stanton Central Montcalm 54, Big Rapids 53
Stockbridge 67, Lansing Christian 42
Sturgis 67, Paw Paw 63
Three Rivers 58, Allegan 38
Traverse City Central 53, Elk Rapids 48
Troy 74, West Bloomfield 56
Walled Lake Northern 52, Walled Lake Western 42
Warren Michigan Collegiate 68, Detroit Public Safety 61
Warren Woods Tower 46, Sterling Heights 24
Waterford Mott 62, Milford 47
White Lake Lakeland 55, Walled Lake Central 31
White Pigeon 54, Eau Claire 51
Wyoming Godwin Heights 91, Belding 39
Wyoming Potter's House Christian 56, Martin 37
Ypsilanti Lincoln 65, Tecumseh 20
Zeeland East 62, Byron Center 47
Zion Christian 58, Holland Black River 22

Tuesday's girls scores
Allen Park 44, Taylor 38
Ann Arbor Pioneer 49, Ann Arbor Skyline 25
Athens 45, Jackson Christian 34
Auburn Hills Avondale 48, Oxford 31
Battle Creek Central 50, Mattawan 34
Bay City John Glenn 72, Oscoda 32
Bedford 59, Saline 53, OT
Big Rapids 41, Stanton Central Montcalm 36
Birmingham Seaholm 45, Ferndale 15
Bloomfield Hills 43, Royal Oak 32
Bloomfield Hills Marian 53, Dearborn Divine Child 40
Brooklyn Columbia Central 70, Erie-Mason 53
Brown City 48, Memphis 16
Brownstown Woodhaven 53, Dearborn Edsel Ford 40
Byron Center 53, Zeeland East 34
Cadillac Heritage Christian 40, Boyne Falls 33
Centreville 47, Decatur 33
Chassell 59, Dollar Bay 26
Cheboygan 40, Petoskey 21
Chelsea 49, Adrian 24
Climax-Scotts 55, Burr Oak 7
Croswell-Lexington 55, Richmond 12
Dearborn 60, Dearborn Fordson 45
Dearborn Advanced Technology 66, Michigan Math and Science 39
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 48, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 32
Dearborn Heights Star International 33, Canton Prep 31
Dexter 60, Jackson 32
East Grand Rapids 60, Grand Rapids South Christian 41
East Kentwood 67, Holland West Ottawa 29
East Lansing 73, Okemos 33
Ecorse 68, Harper Woods 51
Edwardsburg 59, Otsego 30
Engadine 55, Cooks Big Bay de Noc 23
Ewen-Trout Creek 66, Wakefield-Marenisco Gogebic 31
Fairview 41, Mio-Au Sable 39
Farmington Hills Mercy 47, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 34
Flint Hamady 67, Burton Bentley 19
Fremont 52, Newaygo 44
Garden City 42, Redford Thurston 33
Goodrich 55, Swartz Creek 36
Grand Ledge 61, Lansing Everett 4
Greenville 35, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 27
Hartland 47, Howell 29
Hillsdale Academy 75, Tekonsha 14
Holland Black River 66, Kent City Algoma Christian 23
Houghton 64, Painesdale Jeffers 52
Jenison 64, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 10
Kalamazoo Central 55, Portage Northern 26
L'Anse 43, Hancock 34
Lake Leelanau St. Mary 49, Grand Traverse Academy 30
Landmark Academy 33, Akron-Fairgrove 21
Leslie 38, Dansville 31
Livonia Stevenson 53, Belleville 44
Macomb Dakota 57, Warren Cousino HS 25
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 57, Warren Fitzgerald HS 13
Marquette 55, Escanaba 48
Mason County Central 37, Ravenna 36
Mendon 37, Bangor 23
Montague 54, Shelby 47
Morrice 56, Burton Bendle 22
Negaunee 62, West Iron County 39
New Buffalo 59, Marcellus Howardsville Christian 20
New Haven 52, Eastpointe East Detroit 50
North Branch 35, Armada 32
Norway 45, Iron Mountain 34
Novi 34, Salem 24
Ovid-Elsie 63, Mount Morris 24
Pittsford 62, North Adams-Jerome 22
Plainwell 47, Vicksburg 21
Pontiac A&T 62, Pontiac Academy for Excellence 16
Port Huron 69, Utica Ford 45
Portage Central 50, Battle Creek Lakeview 46
Portland 54, Haslett 40
Quincy 39, Bronson 36
Redford Union 40, Melvindale 29
Reed City 71, Remus Chippewa Hills 40
Reese 63, Bad Axe 33
Richland Gull Lake 50, St. Joseph 47
Rochester 38, Farmington 24
Rockford 47, Caledonia 18
Saginaw Heritage 47, Saginaw Arthur Hill 35
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 38, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 36
Sandusky 39, Harbor Beach 27
Sault Ste Marie 55, Traverse City Central 37
Schoolcraft 47, Niles 41
South Haven 40, Dowagiac Union 15
Southfield A&T 56, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 33
St. Charles 51, St. Louis 21
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 35, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 29
St. Johns 50, Mount Pleasant 36
St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 53, Covert 14
Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 33, Austin Catholic 21
Stevensville Lakeshore 56, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 44
Sturgis 38, Paw Paw 36
Summit Academy North 58, Southfield Bradford Academy 30
Taylor Prep 43, Detroit Community 27
Three Rivers 63, Allegan 36
Trenton 40, Gibraltar Carlson 27
Troy 50, Rochester Adams 46
Troy Athens 59, Lake Orion 40
Utica 45, Sterling Heights Stevenson 14
Walled Lake Central 26, White Lake Lakeland 22
Walled Lake Western 50, Walled Lake Northern 34
Waterford Mott 35, Milford 23
Westland Universal 52, Detroit Cesar Chavez 26
Wixom Christian 59, Gabriel Richard Catholic 35
Wyandotte Roosevelt 52, Lincoln Park 31
Wyoming 73, Wayland Union 63
Yale 51, Algonac 33
Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 58, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 50

NHL

Monday's Games
Montreal 2, Calgary 0
N.Y. Rangers 6, N.Y. Islanders 2
Philadelphia 6, Boston 5, SO
Washington 2, Carolina 0
St. Louis 4, Anaheim 1
Tuesday's Games
Buffalo 4, Vegas 2
Columbus 3, Boston 0
N.Y. Islanders 8, Detroit 2
Pittsburgh 7, Minnesota 3
Tampa Bay 4, Los Angeles 3, SO
Toronto 7, New Jersey 4
Chicago 3, Ottawa 2, OT
Winnipeg 4, Vancouver 0
Arizona 6, San Jose 3
Dallas 3, Colorado 2, OT
Edmonton 4, Nashville 2
Today's Games
Chicago at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

NBA

Monday's Games
New Orleans 117, Detroit 110, OT
Indiana 101, Philadelphia 95
Boston 113, Chicago 101
Oklahoma City 117, Minnesota 104
Portland 115, Charlotte 112
Orlando 114, Sacramento 112
L.A. Lakers 128, Cleveland 99
Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 123, Phoenix 110
Utah 118, Brooklyn 107
Memphis 121, Houston 110
Milwaukee 128, New York 102
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers
Dallas at Golden State
Today's Games
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's men's scores
EAST
Buffalo 76, Ohio 73
Louisville 73, Pittsburgh 68
Villanova 79, DePaul 75
West Virginia 81, TCU 49
SOUTH
Clemson 79, Duke 72
Florida 71, Mississippi 55
Mississippi St. 72, Missouri 45
Richmond 70, Davidson 64
UCF 74, Tulane 55
Virginia Tech 80, Wake Forest 70
MIDWEST
Akron 72, N. Illinois 49
Ball St. 69, E. Michigan 52
Bowling Green 85, W. Michigan 82
Cent. Michigan 74, Toledo 67
Dayton 79, VCU 65
Iowa 75, Northwestern 62
Miami (Ohio) 77, Kent St. 74
Ohio St. 80, Nebraska 68
Texas Tech 77, Kansas St. 63
Wisconsin 56, Maryland 54
SOUTHWEST
Kansas 66, Oklahoma 52
LSU 89, Texas A&M 85

Toews, Blackhawks beat Senators

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Jonathan Toews scored 42 seconds into overtime and assisted on Chicago's two other goals, as the Blackhawks rallied to beat Ottawa Senators 3-2 on Tuesday night.

A pair of goals by Dominik Kubalik tied the score at 2-all early in the third after the Blackhawks trailed 2-0 early. Kubalik has seven goals this season.

Robin Lehner stopped 20 shots for Chicago, which was playing its first of a three games in eastern Canada.

Connor Brown and Chris Tierney scored first-period goals for the Senators. Rookie goaltender Marcus Hogberg started in net for the third straight game and made 27 saves.

Ottawa has just one regulation win in its last 14 games (3-5-6). The Senators are winless in their past eight (0-4-4).

Ottawa sped to an early lead. Brown scored 3:33 into the game, banging home a rebound of a shot by Dylan DeMelo.

Tierney gave the Senators a 2-0 lead less than four minutes later, scoring his seventh of the season by tipping in a pass from Thomas Chabot.

With time running out in the second, Kubalik cut the Senators' lead in half, deflecting a shot by Patrick Kane shot and beating Hogberg.

Kubalik then beat Ron Hainsey in a foot race 3:41 into the third and scored through Hogberg's pads for his 18th of the season.

Lehner made an impressive two-pad save on Anthony Duclair to keep the game close early in the second. That seemed to spark the Blackhawks.

Notes: Nikita Zaitsev was back in Ottawa's lineup for the first time since suffering an undisclosed injury Dec. 14. The Senators announced Nick Paul would likely miss a month due to a high ankle sprain. ... Tuesday's game marked the return of Zack Smith, who was traded to Chicago for Artem Anisimov in the offseason. Smith's 612 career games with Ottawa ranks ninth in franchise history. Smith has two goals and nine points through 39 games, while Anisimov has eight goals and 10 points in 27 games with the Senators.

UP NEXT

Blackhawks: At Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday.

Senators: Host Vegas Golden Knights on Thursday.

ASTROS

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possibilities internally," he said. "We'll also look outside."

If the Astros decide to promote from within, the most likely candidate is bench coach Joe Espada, who is seen as a rising star in the baseball community. Crane called him "capable" of running the team on Monday.

The 44-year-old Espada began his coaching career with the Marlins and worked as a special assistant to Yankees general manager Brian Cashman and was an assistant coach for the Yankees before joining Houston for the 2018 season. Espada, who played baseball but never reached the majors, was a candidate for some managerial openings this offseason.

The Astros could choose to pick someone from outside the organization to try and separate themselves from anybody who was around when the cheating occurred. If they want to go with someone with years of managerial experience they could look at several veteran managers who are available in former Orioles manager Buck Showalter, John Gibbons, a Texas native who most recently managed the Blue Jays or former Nationals manager Dusty Baker.

If they decide to look for someone with ties to the franchise, a candidate could be Brad Ausmus, who played for the Astros for 10 years and has managed the Tigers and Angels.

Though Crane will work quickly to hire a manager, he said that he won't rush just to have someone in place to start spring training and that they could open camp with an interim manager.

Hiring someone to replace Luhnow isn't as immediate of a need, and Crane could wait to shift his focus to that until after he has someone in place to manage the team. Crane said he'll oversee baseball operations in the interim and that he's been involved in the meetings concerning arbitration in the last week.

"We've got good leaders in a number of those spots and so it's just a matter of organizing and managing that staff for the next 30 days and hopefully we can get someone to take the coin," Crane said.

Crane indicated on Monday that he could also promote someone from within to replace Luhnow. If he does that, a top candidate would be Pete Putila, who was promoted to assistant general manager this offseason.

Putila has been with the organization in various roles since 2011.

"I'm going to evaluate (the front office) and see what we have inside, and we'll start looking outside," he said. "I think it's a very good job. I think a lot of people would want to come in here and step into that position."

LSU

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scrimmage) against Clemson. He has until Friday to decide if he'll enter the draft.

Queen said he needs time to talk with his family and his coach before choosing. No matter what he does, Queen is confident this title, the fourth for LSU, is just a starting point.

"LSU is always going to be capable of doing what we did this year," he said. "We've got great fans, great coaches and as long as we believe in each other, we can accomplish anything."

Orgeron called his group a team "for the ages."

"We didn't have a bad game," he said. "We played 15 good football games and this is going to be hard to beat."

While the parties stretched from the French Quarter to Baton Rouge and Orgeron's home base in predominantly Cajun south Louisiana, the coach himself said he spent his national championship night eating some Popeye's chicken in the hotel.

Queen, too, stayed in and relished

hp FOOD

Need pizza?

There's an ATM for that

By JOE MARIO PEDERSEN
Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Students at the University of North Florida have a new ATM on campus that promises no overdraft fees, or extra cheese fees, either.

The future of college late night cravings and dining has arrived at UNF where the campus unveiled its new 24-hour pizza ATM this semester.

Pizza ATMs are nothing new to the world as they've been used in Europe for the last 15 years, according to the ATM's website, 24hr.pizza.

Last year, Ohio State University announced its Pizza ATM, according to the Columbus Dispatch.

The ATM holds up to 96 pies in a cold storage unit behind the interface.

Hungry students can use a touch interactive screen on the ATM to order a pre-cooked pizza and add toppings to it.

A robotic arm then selects the desired pizza, places it into a convection oven and cooks it for about three minutes.

After, the pizza is placed into a box and released to the customer.

Breakfasts and Banquets

Wings: American Legion Post 331, 4241 Legion St., Bridgman, will hold a wing night from 5-7:30 p.m. today. Cost varies. Each meal includes celery, and barbecue, ranch, blue cheese or hot sauce.

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries, salad and dessert. Cost is $6 for a burger, onion rings, salad and dessert. Cost is $3.50 for salad and dessert only.

Burgers and taco salad: The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54630 County Road 687, Hartford, will serve dinner from 5-8 p.m. today. Burgers start at $3. Taco salads start at $5.75. For more info, call 621-3994 after 2 p.m.

Burgers and brats: The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, will serve burgers for $3, brats for $1.50, hot dogs and sides from 6-8 p.m. today. Drink specials will be available.

Burgers: American Legion Post 105, 16565 Paw Paw Ave., Benton Harbor, will hold a burger night from 5-8 p.m. Thursday. A 1/3-pound burger and fries starts at $4.25.

Fish fry: The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54630 County Road 687, Hartford, will hold a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. Friday. The menu includes fish, chicken and shrimp. Prices begin at $7.50. Salad bar is included. For more information, call 621-3994 after 2 p.m.

Breakfasts and Banquets appears each Wednesday in the Food section. The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Civic groups sponsoring fundraising meals, classes or other food-related events should send information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; fax to 429-4398; or email focus@TheHP.com.

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Forte Coffee in south St. Joseph is using turmeric to make golden lattes.

A look at 2020 food trends

By JANE AMMESON
HP Correspondent

Laotian cuisine, vegan going viral, Mexican churros, porridges from around the world – Chinese congee, Portuguese papas, Japanese okayu and Scandinavian risengrynsgrøt – are among the hottest food trends forecasted for 2020 by af&co., a restaurant and hospitality consulting firm.

Food & Wine magazine predicts regional food will be broken into micro-regions. Southern foods will focus on Appalachian, Lowland and Creole cookery, while Mexican restaurants will fracture into Veracruz, Oaxaca and Yucatan foods.

Other biggies, according to the magazine, include open hearth live fire/wood fire cooking, juice and beverage pairings, and itameshi (the Japanese word for Italian) cuisine.

Like af&co., Food & Wine magazine agrees that vegan isn't just a subset of vegetarian. But don't call it vegan – plant-based seems to be the preferred term.

"There's been something like a 600 percent increase in veganism," says Jayme Cousins, who with her husband, Abel Martinez, owns the Mason Jar Café in Benton Harbor.

According to GlobalData, a data analytics and consulting company, the number of U.S. consumers identifying as vegan grew from 1 to 6 percent between 2014 and 2017, and that doesn't include the number of people who eat vegan but don't consider themselves to be vegan. Instead, people are choosing flexitarianism, incorporating vegetarian options into a diet of meat and fish.

Sales of plant-based alternatives to animal-based foods, such as meat, cheese, milk and eggs, grew 17 percent over the past year, totaling more than $3.7 billion, while overall U.S. food sales rose only 2 percent, according to data from Nielsen and the Good Food Institute.

Jane Ammeson / HP correspondent

Timothy's Cucumber Mocktail Martini is shown.

A visit to the grocery store shows more plant-based items, including meat substitutes, and fast food franchises increasingly are offering plant-based meat alternatives.

So what do local chefs think we'll be eating in 2020?

"Definitely faux meat and more plant-based foods," says Tim Sizer, owner of Timothy's Restaurant in Union Pier. "They're among the trends I've heard the most clamor over in the industry as are sustainable fish – this has been on the forefront for quite a while now and sustainability in general. Also Japanese spirits, less plastic – mostly less straws – and less alcohol, with mocktails growing in popularity. It's been discussed that the legalization of marijuana is playing a role in this."

Other predictions, according to Sizer, who has been a chef for three decades, include more simplistic recipes, fresh juice pairings, sliders and alternative flours.

At Timothy's, they make such nonalcoholic drinks as the Cucumber Mocktail Martini. In keeping with another burgeoning 2020 trend, they puree fresh fruits for all their drinks, which can be made into mocktails or cocktails, and include pineapple, caramelized basil, sweet cucumber basil, smoked blueberry basil, black pepper, raspberry and mango mint. They also offer fresh-squeezed juices, such as ruby red grapefruit, orange and lime.

"CBD is especially becoming more and more popular," says Brian Maynard, owner of Forte Coffee in south St. Joseph. "We sell CBD honey sticks, which you can put in beverages. Though, from what I understand, I can't put it in your food, but I can sell you the CBD, which we also sell in little packets. CBD is not hallucinogenic like THC."

"Caribbean foods, dishes with authentic techniques, fresh and all natural ingredients and flavors! Farm to table concepts," says Mark T. Smith of Coloma, who is an executive chef and owns MSmith Restaurant/Hospitality Consulting. "Bar foods continue strong among popularity, but cooked in healthier oils and leaner cut proteins."

Remember when it was just a cup of joe? Not anymore.

Coffee continues to become more complex with a greater variety of coffee drinks and flavored beverages designed for every taste.

"One of the items becoming a super popular trend is using turmeric to make golden lattes," says Maynard, who uses the Monin brand of turmeric syrup to add a sweet, earthy note and a golden yellow-orange color to milk teas, cocktails, mocktails, chai and more.

Forte also carries turmeric and lavender honeys for flavoring their drinks.

"It's good for people who want a bit of sweetness in their coffee," Maynard says.

Colleen Froehlich, owner of Froehlich's in Three Oaks, says bacon is still hot as is anything with coffee as far as their business goes.

"We are experimenting with hard coffee," she says about boozy coffee drinks.

And then there's coffee-cola drinks.

In April 2020, Pepsi is set to release a line of canned coffee-infused cola beverages under the name Pepsi Cafe. It's expected to have twice as much caffeine as their regular Pepsi soda, and will be available in original and vanilla flavors.

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Recipes from 'The Defined Dish'

Alex Snodgrass wants us to know we don't have to make changes to our diet to be healthy.

Jane Ammeson

Instead, the author of "The Defined Dish: Healthy and Wholesome Weeknight Recipes" and the popular blog The Defined Dish, offers a variety of ways to approach healthful food.

Her new cookbook, which is Whole30 endorsed, doesn't require you to stick with the Whole30 diet – an elimination-style eating plan based on banning soy, dairy, grains, alcohol, legumes and added sugars for 30 days, and then gradually re-introducing the foods that don't cause issues.

For those following Whole30, paleo, gluten-free and dairy-free eating, it's great. But her recipes are just good, no matter you're dietary demands.

"My recipes are influenced by experiences I've had in my life," says Snodgrass, who describes herself as an Italian girl.

Her chapters are organized by region. "Mom-Bo Italiano" is modified Italian-American, such as skillet chicken piccata and linguine puttanesca, while her love for P.F. Chang's Asian food can be found in the chapter titled "Better Than Take Out" with black pepper chicken and Hibachi-Style Chicken with Magic Mustard Sauce. There's also "A Taste of the Mediterranean" featuring recipes like Lemony Greek Potatoes with Crispy Greek Chicken Thighs.

By offering substitutions for those following Whole30, paleo and other diets, Snodgrass gives people "food freedom."

And no matter what – whether you're on a diet or not – Snodgrass' recipes are healthy, elegant and easy to make.

Black Pepper Chicken

Makes 4 servings.

For the Black Pepper Sauce:

1/4 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup coconut aminos (can substitute soy sauce)
1 tablespoon rice vinegar
1 teaspoon fish sauce
1 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

See **AMMESON**, page B5

Photo provided / Kristen Kilpatrick

Black Pepper Chicken is featured in "The Defined Dish" by Alex Snodgrass.

AMMESON

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For the chicken:

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/4 cup plus 2 teaspoons avocado oil
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more for serving
2 tablespoons arrowroot starch (can substitute equal amount cornstarch)
4 celery stalks, ends trimmed and cut diagonally into 1-inch pieces
1 medium white onion, halved and thinly sliced (2 cups)
3 garlic cloves, very thinly sliced
Prepared Cauliflower Rice (see recipe below), for serving (optional)

To make the Black Pepper Sauce: In a small bowl, whisk together the broth, coconut aminos, vinegar, fish sauce, black pepper and ground ginger. Set aside until ready to use.

To make the chicken: Place the chicken breasts on a cutting board and cover with parchment paper. Use a meat mallet or the bottom of a skillet to pound the chicken until it is an even 1/4-inch thick. Discard the parchment, then cut the chicken into 1-inch cubes.

Place the cubed chicken in a medium bowl with 2 teaspoons of the avocado oil, salt and pepper. Toss to coat evenly, then add the arrowroot and toss again.

In a large, nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat the remaining 1/4 cup avocado oil. When the oil is very hot but not smoking, add the chicken to the skillet in a single layer (you may need to do this in 2 batches). Cook the chicken until golden brown and cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to a plate and set aside.

Add the celery and onion to the same skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are slightly tender, about 4 minutes.

Add the garlic, and cook until fragrant, being careful not to burn, 1 minute.

Return the chicken to the skillet with the sauce and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for about 5 minutes, until the sauce is thick and coats the chicken and vegetables.

Remove the pan from the heat and season with salt to taste. Serve as is or with cauliflower rice, and top with a sprinkle of pepper.

– Recipe from "The Defined Dish"

Prepared Cauliflower Rice

Makes 4 servings.

1 large head cauliflower, cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste

Place the cauliflower pieces in a food processor. Depending on the size of your food processor, you might need to do this in 2 batches). Pulse the food processor until the cauliflower is the texture of rice, or "riced."

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When shimmering, add the riced cauliflower and cook, stirring, until heated through, 3 to 5 minutes. Don't overcook the cauliflower rice, or it tends to get mushy.

Season with salt and pepper to taste, and serve as desired.

– Recipe from "The Defined Dish"

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Texas Brisket Chili is featured in "The Defined Dish" by Alex Snodgrass.

Texas Brisket Chili

Makes 6 servings.

3 pound flat cut brisket, excess fat trimmed and cut into 1-inch cubes
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 medium yellow onion, diced (2 cups)
1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and diced (1 1/2 cups)
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 dried bay leaves
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 (14.5-ounce) can diced fire-roasted tomatoes
1/2 cup low-sodium beef broth, or water
1/4 cup mild roasted green chiles (from a jar)
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed (omit for Whole30, paleo)

For serving (optional):

2 green onions (green parts only), sliced (1/2 cup)
2 radishes, cut into matchsticks
1/2 cup shredded milk cheddar cheese (omit for Whole30, paleo or dairy free)
1/4 cup sour cream (omit for Whole30, paleo or dairy free)

Season the cubed brisket with the salt and pepper.

Heat the olive oil in an Instant Pot on the sauté function until it shimmers. Working in batches, brown the meat on all sides, about 90 seconds per side. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

Add the onion, bell pepper and garlic to the pot, and use the sauté function to cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly tender, about 4 minutes.

Add the tomato paste, chili powder, cumin, bay leaves, oregano, chipotle chili powder and paprika, and cook while stirring for 1 minute.

Return the browned brisket and all of its juices to the pot along with the fire-roasted tomatoes, broth or water, green chiles and balsamic vinegar.

Stir until well combined, then turn off the heat by hitting the cancel button.

Secure the lid on the Instant Pot and be sure the vent is sealed. Hit the meat/stew button and set the cook time to 60 minutes on high pressure. When done, carefully release the pressure by turning the valve on top of the Instant Pot. Once the steam has fully released, carefully remove the lid.

Add the drained and rinsed pinto beans (if using) and stir to combine. Keep the Instant Pot on warm until heated through, about 5 more minutes.

Remove and discard the bay leaves. Serve the chili on its own or topped with green onions, radishes, shredded cheese and/or a dollop of sour cream.

Slow Cooker Method

You can also use a slow cooker to make this dish. Just follow the same procedure to sauté the brisket and vegetables in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Transfer the mixture to the slow cooker, and add the tomato paste, chili powder, cumin, bay leaves, oregano, chipotle chili powder, paprika, fire-roasted tomatoes, broth or water, green chiles and balsamic vinegar. Stir to combine, cover, and cook on low for 8 to 10 hours. Stir in the pinto beans and let cook until heated through, about 5 minutes.

– Recipe from "The Defined Dish"

Lemony Greek Potatoes with Crispy Greek Chicken Thighs

Makes 4 servings.

For the Greek potatoes:

1 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes (4 medium potatoes), halved lengthwise and sliced into 1/4-inch wedges
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice (2 lemons)
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

For the chicken:

2 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Place the potato wedges in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Add the lemon juice, olive oil, broth, salt, oregano and pepper, and mix until evenly combined. Spread the potatoes into a single, even layer, and bake, gently tossing every 20 minutes, until tender and golden brown, about 1 hour.

To make the chicken: Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. While the potatoes bake, arrange the chicken thighs on the baking sheet in a single, even layer. Make sure they are not touching. Pat dry the tops of the chicken thighs, then drizzle each thigh with olive oil to coat.

In a small bowl, mix together the paprika, salt, oregano and pepper until well combined. Sprinkle evenly over the chicken.

Bake the chicken until it is cooked through and the skin is crispy and golden brown, 35 to 45 minutes, depending on the size. Let the chicken cool for 10 minutes before serving.

– Recipe from "The Defined Dish"

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TRENDS

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Coke Plus Coffee from Coca-Cola may also hit the U.S. market in 2020.

Another predicted 2020 trend is more robots providing services in restaurants, as personified by the chain Genki Sushi Bullet Express. The concept started in Japan and now has locations in Hawaii, California and Washington.

It's as simple as this: you take a seat and order your food on an electronic menu. When it's ready, a sleek miniature train travels on a track, pulling to a stop next to you. You grab your order from the train, and it heads back to the kitchen.

Timothy's Cucumber Mocktail Martini

1 cucumber, roughly chopped
2 ounces ginger root, peeled and diced
6 ounces simple syrup (3 ounces sugar plus 3 ounces water)
3 ounces yuzu juice
12 large basil leaves

Puree the ingredients in a blender. Strain, and serve.

Mighty Sesame Co.'s Creamy Squeezable & Ready Tahini covers all the basis when it comes to popular food trends. It's made from 100 percent slow-roasted sesame seeds, and is organic, vegan, gluten- and dairy-free, Keto-friendly, kosher and halal.

Vegan Power Bowl

1 package bean noodles, or glass noodles
1/4 cup cooked beets, cubed
1/4 cup julienned cucumber
1/4 cup julienned carrots
1/2 avocado, sliced
Fresh chili pepper, to taste
Fresh lemon zest, to taste
Black sesame seeds
1 to 2 tablespoons Mighty Sesame Tahini

Cook glass noodles (or noodle of choice) according to package instructions. Drain and add to a bowl.

Top with beets, cucumber, carrot, and avocado.

Photos provided

Hot Mushroom Salad, above left, and the Vegan Power Bowl, above right, are shown.

Note: For a non-vegan option, you also can add fish here.

Sprinkle with chili pepper, lemon zest, and black sesame seeds. Drizzle with Mighty Sesame Tahini.

Hot Mushroom Salad

1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 cup scallions, cut
3 to 4 cloves garlic, sliced
16 ounces button mushrooms
Salt and pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce
Mighty Sesame Tahini, for garnish
Fresh thyme, for garnish

Heat olive oil in a skillet. Add in scallions, garlic and mushrooms. Stir to coat in the oil. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Add teriyaki sauce, and stir to coat. Simmer over low heat for 5 minutes to reduce sauce.

Serve over tahini, and top with fresh thyme.

ChocZero tastes like chocolate, but is actually made from a zero-calorie, low-carb, plant called monk fruit. It's for those who want the taste of chocolate, to cook with chocolate or are on a keto diet.

Chocolate Pound Cake

2 cups almond flour
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/3 cup coconut flour
1/3 cup whey protein powder, or egg white protein powder
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter, softened
2/3 cup granular sugar substitute
4 large eggs, at room temp
2 teaspoons peppermint extract
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup heavy cream
1/3 cup water

For the Chocolate Peppermint Ganache:

1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
2 tablespoons powdered sugar substitute
2 ounces ChocZero sugar-free dark chocolate chips
1 teaspoon peppermint extract

For the White Chocolate Drizzle:

1 ounce ChocZero sugar-free white or white peppermint chocolate chips
1/4 ounce cocoa butter

Heat the oven to 325 degrees.

Grease a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.

Line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper, leaving overhanging sides for easy removal. Grease the parchment.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the almond flour, cocoa powder, coconut flour, whey protein, baking powder and salt.

In a large bowl, beat the butter with the sweetener until well combined and fluffy, about 2 minutes.

Beat in the eggs one at a time, scraping down the beaters and the sides of the bowl in between additions. Beat in the peppermint and vanilla extracts.

Add half of the almond flour mixture, and beat until well combined. Beat in the cream and water. Beat in the remaining almond flour mixture until combined.

Transfer the batter to the prepared loaf pan, and bake 60-70 minutes, until the top is firm to the touch and a tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cool completely in the pan, and then use the overhanging parchment to lift out of the pan.

To make the Chocolate Peppermint Ganache: In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the heavy cream and the powdered sweetener.

Whisk until smooth, then bring to a simmer. Remove from heat.

Add the chocolate chips, and let sit for a few minutes to melt. Add the peppermint extract, and whisk until smooth.

Let the ganache sit for 3 to 5 minutes to thicken. It should still be pourable but not runny. Drizzle over the top of the cake, and let run down the sides. You can spread it over the sides if you prefer.

Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.

To make the White Chocolate Drizzle: In a heatproof bowl set over a pan of barely simmering water, combine the white chocolate chips and the cocoa butter. Watch carefully, and whisk until smooth (white chocolate can seize easily, especially this small amount).

Drizzle over the chilled cake, and let set.

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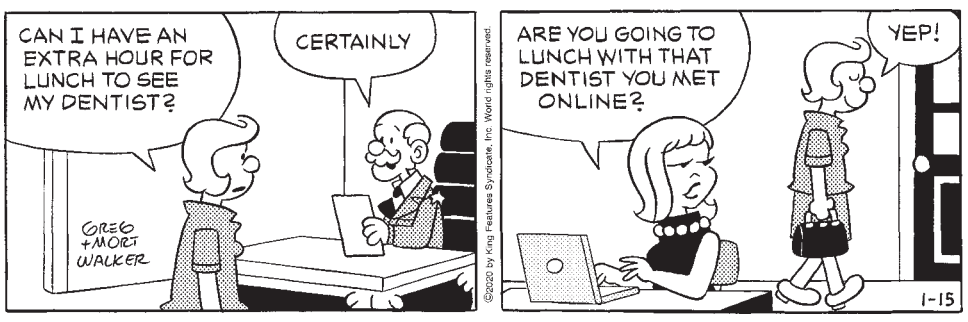
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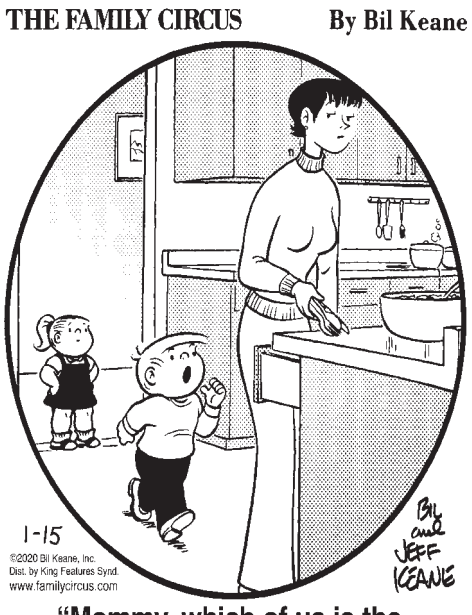
By Bil Keane



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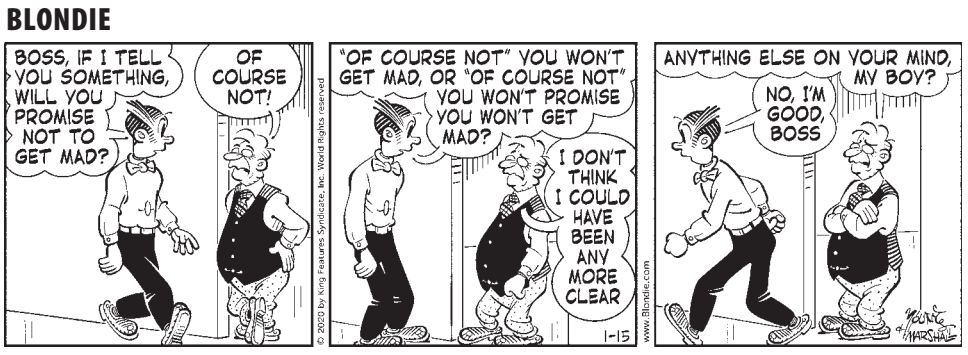
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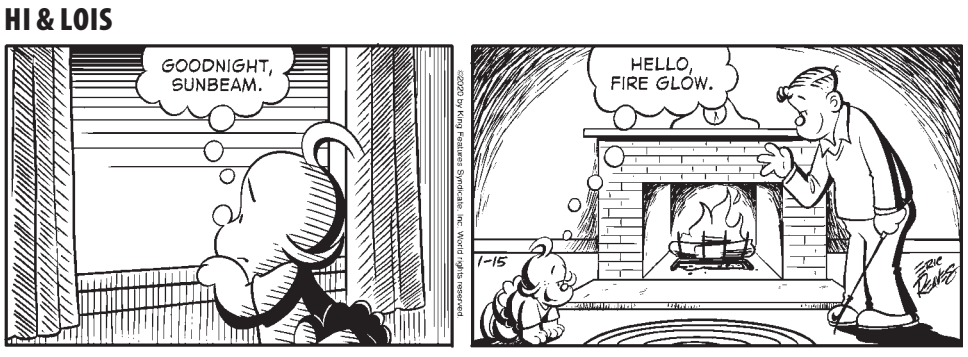

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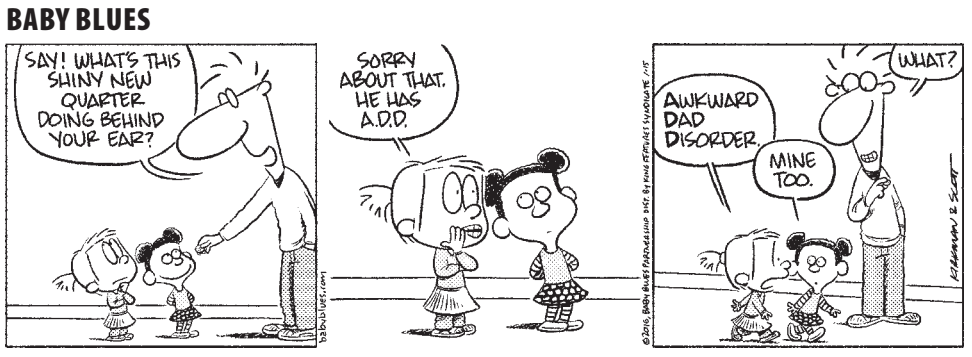
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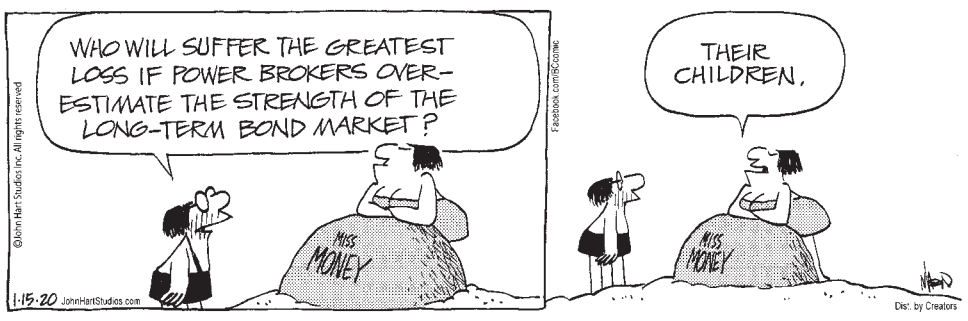
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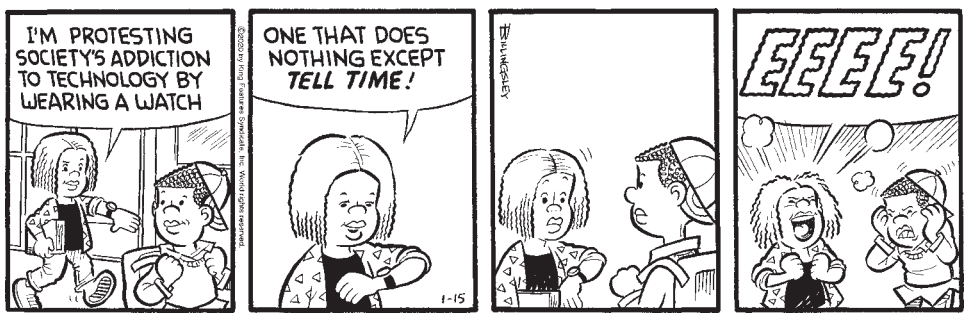
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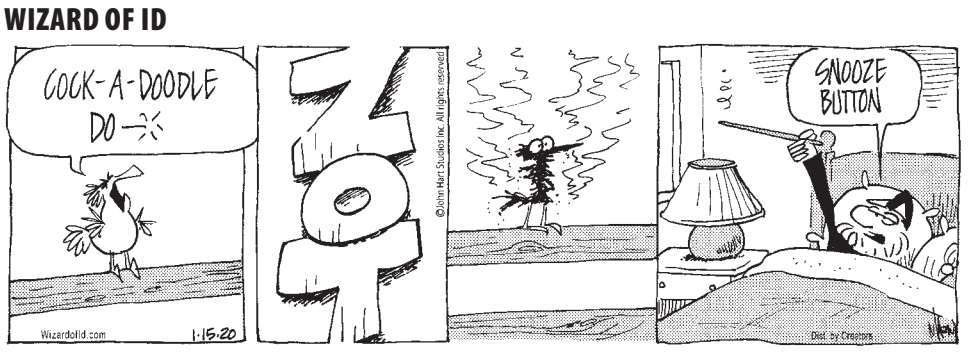

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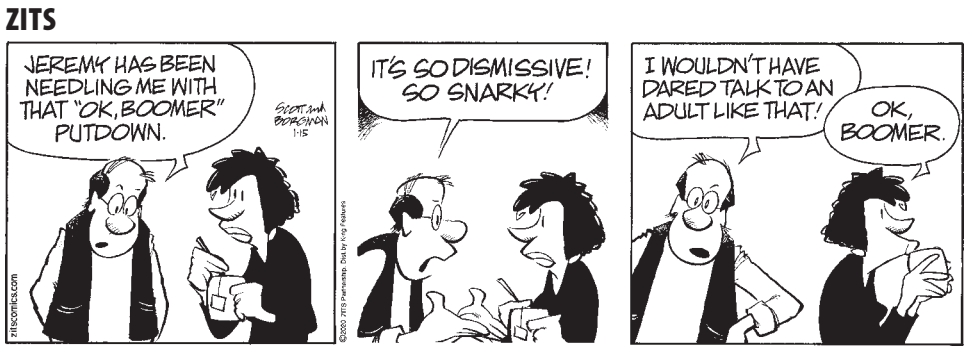
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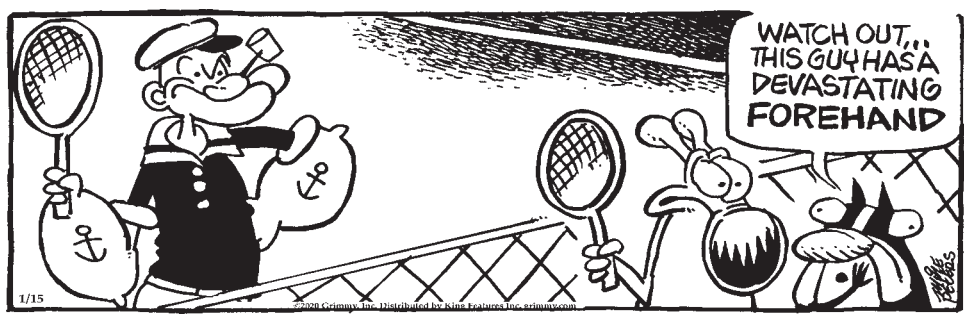

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Puerto Rico seeks answers for constant quakes

By DANICA COTO
Associated Press

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Cars are crushed under a home that collapsed after an earthquake hit Guanica, Puerto Rico on Monday. A 5.8-magnitude quake hit Puerto Rico before dawn Monday, unleashing small landslides, causing power outages and severely cracking some homes. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

PONCE, Puerto Rico — Seismologists in southern Puerto Rico gingerly walked around a patch of dirt that marks the location of recently buried sensors they hope will reveal answers behind the constant and unusual shaking in the region that has terrified residents.

Alena Leeds with the U.S. Geological Survey stopped in front of the sensors on Tuesday afternoon and scrutinized the information that popped up on the screen in front of her.

"Here comes one! There's an aftershock," she said as the software showed red, blue and green lines that squiggled up and down.

More than 1,280 earthquakes have hit Puerto Rico's southern region since Dec. 28, more than two dozen of them magnitude 4.5 or greater, according to the USGS. Among them was a 6.4 magnitude quake that hit on Jan. 7, killing one person and injuring nine others, and a 5.9 magnitude aftershock that occurred Saturday, causing further damage. Government officials say the quakes have caused a preliminary $110 million in damage, toppled part of a famed rock formation landmark and damaged or destroyed more than 550 homes.

The seismic activity that experts say is unusual but not unexpected has unleashed scientific debate about what's causing it and drawn international attention to the area, where more than 4,000 people have sought shelter as they wonder when the ground will stop trembling.

"I don't plan on stepping foot in the house for any reason until this stops," said Adrián Santos, a 45-year-old mechanic who has been living in a tent in the southern coastal city of Ponce for nearly a week with nine other relatives. "The shaking is unbearable."

Scientists say they don't yet know much about the faults causing the quakes, although some experts believe at least three faults are involved, including the Punta Montalva one in southwest Puerto Rico that students and professors at the University of Puerto Rico in Mayaguez discovered in the early 2000s.

"There are a lot of different opinions but not a lot of data," said Elizabeth Vanacore, an associate research professor at the university, which also houses the island's Seismic Network.

Overall, Puerto Rico is located in a very seismically active area, with the North America and Caribbean tectonic plates converging at a rate of about 2 centimeters a year, said Gavin Hayes, a USGS research geophysicist. To the north part of the island, the North America plate is moving past and sinking below Puerto Rico, while in the southern region, the Caribbean plate is sinking into the mantel underneath the island.

"Essentially, the island is being squeezed between these two tectonic plates," he said.

In the last 50 years, 10 earthquakes of magnitude 4 and higher have occurred within 50 kilometers of the recent 6.4 magnitude epicenter prior to Dec. 28, said Lindsay Davis, with USGS's earthquake disaster assistance team manager.

She said the rate of aftershocks following the 6.4 magnitude quake is higher than expected, but still within normal range. She also said Saturday's 5.9 magnitude quake was within the range of what was expected for the aftershock sequence.

Experts say the likeliest scenario is that the frequency of aftershocks will decrease in the next 30 days, noting that moderately sized ones could still further damage structures. A less likely scenario is another earthquake just as strong as the 6.4 one occurs in the same area, an event known as a doublet. A much less likely scenario is that an earthquake significantly larger than the 6.4 one hits Puerto Rico.

Meanwhile, scientists are still investigating the reason behind the constant shaking, fascinated that the aftershocks – in a departure from normal behavior – seem to be occurring along several faults, including the Punta Montalva one.

"Some of them we don't even know they're there until they talk," said Leeds, the USGS seismologist. "And now it's talking very loudly."

Australian wildfire smoke stokes health fears in cities

By ROD MCGUIRK
Associated Press

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A spectator wears a mask as smoke haze shrouds Melbourne during an Australian Open practice session at Melbourne Park in Australia on Tuesday. Smoke haze and poor air quality caused by wildfires temporarily suspended practice sessions for the Australian Open at Melbourne Park on Tuesday, but qualifying began later in the morning in "very poor" conditions and amid complaints by at least one player who was forced to forfeit her match.

CANBERRA, Australia — Fire alarms have been sounding in high-rise buildings across downtown Sydney and Melbourne as dense smoke from distant wildfires confuse electronic sensors. Modern government office blocks in the Australian capital Canberra have been closed because the air inside is too dangerous for civil servants to breathe.

The sun has glowed an eerie red behind a brown shrouded sky for weeks over Australian metropolitan areas that usually rank high in the world's most livable cities indexes.

It's an unprecedented dilemma for Australians accustomed to blue skies and sunny days that has raised fears for the long-term health consequences if prolonged exposure to choking smoke becomes the new summer norm. Similar concerns over smoke are emerging in other regions of the globe being impacted by more fires tied to climate change, including the Western U.S.

"I'm going to give birth any day now, literally, and I'm going to have a newborn baby that I'm going to protect from all this," said Emma Mauch, a pregnant Canberra mother.

Her friend, Sonia Connor, described the struggle of keeping her own energetic 3-year-old daughter contained inside their Canberra house with windows and doors sealed by tape as the outside temperature exceeded 108 degrees Fahrenheit. It's a choice between air flow in stifling heat or keeping potentially toxic smoke out.

"My daughter hasn't shown any sort of symptoms, let's say. For me, I can feel it in my lungs, my throat has felt weird," Connor said.

"It doesn't seem to be stopping her, but the long-term effects? Who knows? She's 3. Who knows what's going to happen?" she added.

Slovenian tennis player Dalila Jakupovic fell to her knees in a coughing fit on Wednesday while competing in a qualifying match for the Australian Open in Melbourne.

"I've never experienced something like this," Jakupovic told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

"We are used to pollution – like, we play in China and more polluted countries – but this smoke is something different that for sure we're not used to."

Canberra as well as Australia's two largest cities, Sydney and Melbourne, have at various times in recent weeks rated as the most polluted cities in the world, although some argue the industrial pollutants in places such as New Delhi are more dangerous than wood smoke.

The fires have claimed at least 27 lives since September, destroyed more than 2,600 homes and razed more than 25.5 million acres, mostly in New South Wales state. The area burned is larger than the U.S. state of Indiana.

Hospital admissions have increased in the smoke-affected cities, with some patients suffering asthma for the first time in their lives. The government has responded by distributing 3.5 million free particle-excluding masks.

Acting Australian Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly said he was discussing with the government launching a study of the long-term health implications of the wildfire smoke.

Bruce Thompson, president of the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand, is among the respiratory disease experts who predict increases in heart and lung diseases as well as some cancers if climate change makes prolonged exposure to wildfire smoke an annual phenomenon.

"We're breathing in stuff that the lungs don't like that leads to significant changes, especially people who are predisposed to respiratory conditions," Thompson said.

Thompson, who suffers itchy eyes and a running nose from smoke at home in Melbourne, said comparisons could be drawn between the current crisis and a wildfire that ignited coal in the open-cut Hazelwood mine near the town of Morwell in Victoria state in 2014. The fire burned for 45 days, blanketing Morwell and its 14,000 residents in thick smoke and coal dust.

That exposure was still taking tolls on the health of the Morwell community and the wider Latrobe Valley, particularly the young, Thompson said.

Brian Oliver, head of the Respiratory Molecular Pathogenesis at University of Technology Sydney, likened prolonged and repeated exposure to such wildfire smoke to smoking cigarettes.

Oliver predicted increases in smoker diseases across Australia if the wildfire smoke became more common in a drier and hotter future.

NASA says the unprecedented masses of Australian smoke that have drifted east across the Pacific Ocean have returned after circumnavigating the globe.

In the U.S., an estimated 20,000 premature deaths now occur annually due to chronic wildfire smoke exposure. That's expected to double by the end of the century, according to scientists funded by NASA, as tens of millions of people get exposed to massive "smoke waves" emanating from blazes in Western states.

Experts say an increase in serious health problems in California may be almost inevitable for vulnerable residents as the disasters become more commonplace.

Research suggests children, the elderly and those with existing health problems are most at risk.

Short-term exposure to wildfire smoke can worsen existing asthma and lung disease, leading to emergency room treatment or hospitalization, studies have shown. Increases in doctor visits or hospital treatment for respiratory infections, bronchitis and pneumonia in otherwise healthy people also have been found during and after wildfires.

EU pressures Iran on nuclear deal in effort to save it

By LORNE COOK and DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Britain, France and Germany on Tuesday ratcheted up pressure on Iran to stop violating its landmark nuclear deal in a last-ditch effort to resolve their differences through talks while also starting a process that could bring back punishing U.N. sanctions on Tehran.

The three European Union countries are being pressed on one side by U.S. President Donald Trump to abandon the agreement like he did unilaterally in 2018, and on the other side from Iran to provide enough economic incentives for them to roll back their violations.

Now, the Europeans have reluctantly triggered the accord's dispute mechanism to force Iran into discussions, starting the clock on a process that could result in the "snapback" of U.N. and EU sanctions on Iran.

The three nations specifically avoided threatening the sanctions while emphasizing hopes for a negotiated resolution. They held off their announcement until tensions between the U.S. and Iran had calmed down after the Jan. 3 killing of an Iranian general in an American drone strike so their intent would not be misinterpreted.

"Our goal is clear: We want to preserve the accord and come to a diplomatic solution within the agreement," German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said in a statement. "We will tackle this together with all partners in the agreement. We call on Iran to participate constructively in the negotiation process that is now beginning."

Iran's Foreign Ministry warned of a "serious and strong response" to the European move. But at the same time, ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi held out an olive branch, saying his country was "fully ready to answer any good will and constructive effort" that preserves the nuclear deal, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported.

The U.S. State Department said it fully supports the decision to initiate the dispute resolution mechanism. "We believe further diplomatic and economic pressure is warranted by nations," it said in a statement.

"The civilized world must send a clear and unified message to the Iranian regime: Your campaign of terror, murder, mayhem will not be tolerated any longer," Trump said, according to the statement.

The accord, which Iran signed with the U.S., Britain, Germany, France, China and Russia in 2015, has been unraveling since Trump pulled Washington out in 2018 and reinstated sanctions designed to cripple the Islamic Republic under what the U.S. called a "maximum pressure" campaign.

The Europeans felt compelled to act, despite objections from Russia and China, because every violation of the deal reduces the so-called "breakout time" Iran needs to produce a nuclear bomb, Britain's Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told Parliament.

"Each of these actions were individually serious," Raab said. "Together, they now raise acute concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions." Iran insists it is not seeking an atomic weapon.

At the time of the signing of the deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or JCPOA, Iran's "breakout" time was estimated to be as little as two months. With the safeguards in place, limiting Iran's stockpiles of enriched uranium and heavy water, the number and types of centrifuges it can use to enrich uranium, and the purity that is allowed, that estimate grew to more than a year.

Trump said the deal should be renegotiated because it didn't address Iran's ballistic missile program or its involvement in regional conflicts, and reimposed U.S. sanctions that have left Iran's economy reeling. To pressure the remaining signatories to provide enough economic incentives to offset the U.S. sanctions, Iran last year began violating its limitations in stages.

Throughout, it has announced the violations publicly and continued to allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency in to its facilities.

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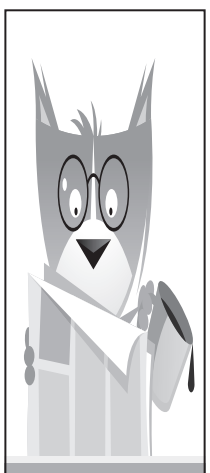

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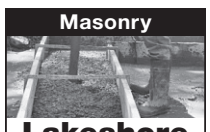

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